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Editorial

What Will We Do With 1933?

A New Year is at hand. For all of us it holds fresh opportunities and possibilities. Shall we spend its days selfishly? or shall we use them to stress spiritual reality, build up a more God-like character and share with those in our own land and in lands beyond the sea, the untold blessing that comes through intercourse with Jesus Christ, our Lord?

The Church of Christ in China

ONE of the most impressive and significant developments in modern missionary history is the origin and growth, within recent years, of the Church of Christ in China which now embraces more than one-quarter of the Christians in that country.

Speaking before the members of the Canadian School of Missions, Dr. A. R. Keppler, Secretary of the General Assembly of the Church of Christ in China, outlined the wonderful story of the planting of the Church of Christ in China. He chose the term Planting rather than Building because the ''Church is a living agency and not a mechanical device.'' The process, he described as both delicate and adventurous for it included: (1) making the Church indigenous and self-reliant; (2) self-propagating through intelligent leadership; (3) autonomous.

This work began with a great liability, for 130 independent agencies had each carried over to China its own little seedling in its own little denominational flower pot and expected that out of these would grow an indigenous Church. But the flower pots had to be broken, and the crashed flower pots made the Church really indigenous.

When the pioneer missionaries, who were ''giants in the Christian Movement,'' began their work of establishing Protestant Christianity, they had to train ''native helpers'' to carry on the work while they journeyed to the next city or town to light the torch there. These evangelistic helpers had to be salaried and, as there was no Christian group financially able to provide their salary, the Missionary Board had to meet it. Thus began subsidized churches. The strange thing is that these subsidized churches never became self-supporting. One instance was cited of a church which had been subsidized for 90 years.

The next difficulty was the securing of continuous witnessing to the gospel and the making converts preachers. This was overcome by the establishment of schools where the children of Christians could be taught; and, later, of colleges from which would come educated Chinese leaders for the Church. In the early days education was not wanted. In 1906, the Emperor ordered the old school system abolished and insisted that modern schools be established. This was a stupendous task and took some 25 years. Recent statistics show that there are 40 million boys and girls of school age for whom no provision has been made.

In the Chinese Church there sprang up the Evangelistic Agency and the Educational Agency (and the Medical although that did not bear so distinctive a part.) Gradually the educational agency began to outnumber in strength the evangelistic agency. Schools were built. These appealed to the eye. Teachers were higher paid. The result was that the challenge to young men was educational rather than evangelistic. Those who were dull in education went into evangelistic work. The second-grade men were left for the ministry. Education had no place in the Church courts. That created a serious situation. They are trying to correct this by having educated workers sit in Church courts and vice versa.

The Christian strength came not from compulsory training but from the influence of the parents in the homes. ''Christianity is not something to be taught but something to be caught.'' The church leaders are putting all their efforts on religious education—through Christian teaching in the homes and churches.

To-day the Church of Christ in China includes the Churches that are the fruitage of 14 Missionary Societies from 3 continents. It embraces in her general assemblies 14 synods and 74 district associations. Of her 823 churches, 302 are wholly self-supporting, 1,300 are organized Church groups meeting for worship but not yet constituted as churches, and a communicant membership of over 125,000 with 450 ordained ministers and over 1,500 evangelists and Bible women. There is a new zeal for evangelism throughout the whole country and a new desire on the part of the Chinese to hear. Christianity is the favored religion, and the all-engrossing question of many earnest, sincere and influential leaders is what place religion will be accorded in the modern state which young China is so feverishly engaged in building.

With the Chinese Church indigenous, and responsibility put on the shoulders of the Chinese Church, Dr. Keppler believes that a new day and also a day of responsibility lies ahead. Opposed to this advance are two forces which are trying to capture China, Bolshevism from Russia (a movement motivated by class hatred) and militarism from Japan. Over and above these is the Christian Movement whose head is our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

"I cannot see," said Dr. Keppler, in closing, "How the Chinese Church can win out unless the Western Churches get behind them. Unless we do this we cannot achieve that which is the will of God."

Why Take Glad Tidings?

IF you have to retrench why begin with something as vital as the W.M.S. magazine? If you wish to maintain your physical health you cut out everything but the food essentials, so, if you would keep the missionary work of your Church strong and unimpaired, you will not cut out the information which is necessary to her life.

Since 1925, *Glad Tidings* has been faithfully giving you, from time to time, news of interdenominational Christian progress. It has been giving you, in brief form, stories of the big things that are taking place on our national and overseas mission fields. It has provided interesting monthly reviews on leading books suitable for your missionary bookshelf, private reading or prize giving. It has been, in a sense, the voice of our missionaries, for through their letters and articles they have spoken to you and pictured the claims and calls of their respective fields. It has been a telescope through which you could obtain a world-wide outlook and see near-by and far-away events of the missionary campaign and catch inspiration to do your utmost to extend the Kingdom of God to the uttermost parts of the earth. It has been a Bulletin Board on which the Provincial Societies, Treasurer, and Departmental Secretaries have posted reports of events of interest in their special Province or Department. It has been a picture gallery with many and varied illustrations of the work and workers. It has been a compendium of the best methods for increasing interest in your own local Church. It has contained up-to-date plans and suggestions for all ages—girls, young women and senior members, and passed on effective ways of working and plans followed by successful workers.

Will you not ask us again to come to your house or to your church pew, every month? We promise you even better things in 1933 than we provided in past years. It only costs 35c. in bundles or 50c. individual, or 40 pages of reading matter for a little over 3c. a month.

Hungarian Work

MRS. FRANK KOVACS, who is engaged in work among the Hungarian women and children in Hamilton, was a welcome guest at the Council Executive recently. Quietly but impressively she described her work among these busy people, many of whom are in positions that render church attendance impossible. The Church, therefore, goes to them, through this devoted worker, and, through visitation, she finds out their spiritual and other needs and ministers to them. She also acts as interpreter in the hospitals when the doctors need to know symptoms from the patients. The Hungarian people are glad to work for the Church in any way they can and the children are most enthusiastic. Neither cold weather nor a two mile walk prevents them attending Sunday School. There is a Boy Scout Group to which the boys gladly belong. Mrs. Kovacs hopes later to have girls' groups. In this work the men predominate—the proportion being, sixty men to three women. This is explained by the men coming out first and sending for their families when they find employment.

Mrs. Kovacs has been asked by the Hamilton Library Board to choose 200 Hungarian books for the library, and the Daughters of the Empire have requested her to organize a chapter among Hungarian girls. This indicates that Mrs. Kovacs' intellectual gifts are appreciated beyond the bounds of our Church and that she is doing a triple work:— for the Hungarian people; for the Church; for Canada.

Our Girls' Work Secretary

MISS JEAN COWAN, Girls' Work Secretary, who has won her way into the hearts of the girls throughout Canada completed her term of service the beginning of December. Previous to giving up her position, and because of the request that had come, Miss Cowan visited the girls' organizations in western Canada, meeting and getting to know the girls in rallies, leaders' meetings or individually. She found the work in the west progressing, new groups being formed and, best of all, a more adequate leadership.

The position of Girls' Work Secretary is an onerous one but Miss Cowan proved herself admirably fitted for the post, and, while we regret her withdrawal, we are delighted it is because she is to have a home of her own. The best of good wishes of co-workers and friends go with her.

Two Missionaries Welcomed

DR. JESSIE MACBEAN, of Hackett Medical College, Canton, South China, and Miss Ada Adams, of Taihoku, Formosa, addressed the Council Executive recently. Both are home on furlough. Dr. MacBean has a wonderful story to tell of the progress of medical education and of the growing need of public health work. Miss Adams is a kindergarten enthusiast and no wonder. It is a growing work and the best of all is that in the six kindergartens, six out of the nine teachers are graduates of our schools.

An Honored Pioneer

AGAIN the curtain of time has been lifted and again we have looked into the past and been reminded of the steadfast unwavering service rendered by those loyal women who laid the foundation of the edifice which we call the W.M.S., and whom we affectionately term, pioneers. We women of to-day are heirs to all their struggles and successes and of the heritage they handed on to us! Such a pioneer was Mrs. Isabella Fletcher Irving, widow of Dr. William Irving and sister of the late D. H. Fletcher, D.D., and the late Colin Fletcher, D.D., who passed to her reward on November 24th. Mrs. Irving, as Miss Fletcher of McNab Street Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, and mistress of the manse, was one of the charter members of the W.F.M.S. in Hamilton before the Presbyterial was formed, being on the committee appointed at its first annual meeting in 1878. During her long life Mrs. Irving maintained a keen interest in the Church and W.M.S. and passed away esteemed by all who knew her and beloved by those who called her friend.

A Gift of Bibles

BIBLES, the gift of the Women's Missionary Society, are to be presented to Miss Hazel Cote, a pupil in the Indian Residential School, at Birtle, Manitoba, who has successfully passed the 11th grade examinations, and to Will, a pupil at the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School, who has passed his entrance examinations.

First Impressions of India

Extracts from Letters from our Three Newly Appointed Missionaries

Jhansi, India.

''I JUST love it here. I like it better than I even anticipated I would. It was a dream before; now it is a reality, and wonderful. I think my co-workers are just the finest group I have ever met. Our Indian Christians, teachers and nurses, are very fine, too. I do enjoy being with them. A few nights ago I had my first Hindustani meal with the teachers at our tent at the convention. We all sat around on a rug eating rice and curry and potatoes, with our fingers. We also had a variety of Hindustani cakes, meat cakes and sweet cakes with our meal. I must have looked a bit awkward trying to get the curry to my mouth from the plate on the ground without spilling it on my dress (it did seem a long way). Anyway, they brought a little low stool and had me set my plate on it, and spread a towel over my dress. They seemed to be pleased to see me eating a hearty meal and wanted to fill my plate again.

Our teachers and nurses can speak quite good English so I can talk to them.

I was out at the villages two days last week with Miss Simpson and Dr. Thurrott and I realize more fully the joy of working among these people and the greatness of service here—telling as to a little child the stories and love of Jesus. It is wonderful how they come from all directions and settle themselves around our feet—men, women and children, and listen so attentively to everything that is being said. Then after about half an hour of singing, Gospel stories and prayer, they tell of their aches and pains, which are many and varied.

I wish that some of our home people could see the difference there is between the Christians and non-Christians! If they could, I believe that there would be a greater zeal for missions in our churches. There is brightness and hope and ambition in the faces of our Christians. The non-Christian faces are harder and express in many cases fear and indolence. The Christians are more refined and educated. They keep themselves much cleaner and tidier in appearance and have better clothes.

My pundit has not yet come. I am anxious to get started at the language. I was out again this morning with Miss Simpson to the villages and the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin are looking well and seem happy to be back again.''—*Eleanor McKechnie.*

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Jobat, Central India.

''I AM very happy here and I just love the people. The weather is very pleasant. It gets a little hot in the afternoons, and that is the time we all seem to get sleepy. Miss Douglas and I sleep out on the verandah at night and the air is so cool and refreshing. Bess and I are deep in language study and are enjoying it very much. When I meet any of the people I feel tongue tied and dumb when I can't speak to them.

The last three or four days and nights we have had the pleasure of hearing the drums, and music similar to the bagpipes playing at intervals. Last evening we went down to investigate and were informed that two brides-to-be were waiting for the grooms to arrive. They were standing up on a porch affair in front of the house, and they did not look very happy. One or two women were dancing and quite a crowd was looking on. They brought us chairs to sit down on, but we didn't stay, it being Sunday evening. We hope the grooms arrive soon.

I am to be at Jobat. I am quite pleased with this arrangement as I shall have the pleasure of being with Bessie, and I like Jobat and the girls here and Dr. and Mrs. Howie very much. Thursday and Friday we were over to Amkhut and met nearly all our missionaries of this field. Amkhut is certainly a pretty spot.

Mr. Toombs took Bess and I and several of the school boys up to the top of the hill jungle, and we were quite disappointed that we didn't see any monkeys, lions, tigers or snakes. It all seemed such a tame country!

We all enjoyed the voyage on the *Rawalpindi* and none of us would have objected if it had lasted longer. Each evening the missionaries on board and any others who were interested had a little service.

We certainly were glad to see Mr. Young, Miss McConnell and Miss Douglas in Bombay. The trains are most amusing. In order to get from one compartment to another one has to get off the train when it stops. At many stations Mr. Young would jump off and come to our window for a little visit.''—*Iris M. Errey.*

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Jobat, Central India.

''IT will be three weeks tomorrow since we landed in Bombay. I wonder if any one has told you that Mr. Hawtin won two prizes in deck tennis? One was for being first in men's doubles and the other for second in mixed doubles. He received his prizes the last night on board—a silver dish and a little case with a mirror, comb and fountain pen. The prizes were presented on the promenade deck, so we saw him receive his laurels. I think he got more applause than anyone. We were quite pleased to see one of our party come out so well in sports.

Following the presentation of prizes we went down to the dining saloon for the meeting of missionaries. Mrs. Hawtin conducted the last one, and her message was very appropriate.

As far as the entry to Bombay was concerned I didn't see it, because I was in my cabin trying to solve the problem of squeezing a bag and a half full of wearing apparel, books, etc., into one bag. When we all got together we found the boat was anchored at the dock. There was a letter delivered to we three girls from the Jhansi girls welcoming us to India and telling us that the Jobat people were meeting us, and shortly after, Miss McConnell, Miss Douglas and Mr. Young appeared.

It certainly was interesting to watch the bustle and confusion of getting the mail and luggage unloaded. Shutes were put from the dock up to the doors where cabin luggage was piled and it was sent down piece by piece, to be caught at the bottom by coolies and transferred on their heads or backs to the customs shed.

I was amazed at the sight of thin, rather short boys and men carrying trunks with apparently little effort. There was an amusing side, too, because we noticed one coolie pick up two tennis rackets and dance along the dock while he flourished them over his head. Another pushed a baby carriage and carried on a pantomine as he went to the shed. The quantity of mail surprised me more than anything. There were tons of it taken off. We wondered if any would be for us, and received a couple of letters two days later which settled our wondering.

None of us had any trouble getting through customs. I was finished first, so went with Miss McConnell while she visited a tailor and Crawford Market. You can imagine, perhaps, how I would be 'all eyes.'

In the tailor shop a man was sitting on the floor cutting out what looked to be a skirt. Miss McConnell wanted to have a new dress made, so she told the tailor what she wanted and he drew a picture of it. He had the measurements and later will send her the result of the picture.

As I sat watching the passersby I noticed one man with a very small baby carriage in which sat two small girls. One of them had the most awful looking eye I ever saw. Since then I have seen a few more awful sights, I suppose some day I will be more or less accustomed to them.

We all stayed at the Church Mission House for the night and were glad to meet the congenial people who have charge of it. There was a good piano in the living-room so I had a good time for about an hour bidding goodbye to a piano.

At the Point of Gibraltar, Miss Errey sitting, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy standing behind her.

During the afternoon Miss McConnell, Iris and I paid a visit to Crawford Market, where Miss McConnell ordered a quantity of canned goods, figs, raisins, cheese, etc. I wish you could have heard us as we remarked about things that were strange to us. We weren't used to ants crawling all over everything, to merchants resting their feet on the cheese, to mud floors on which spiders, beetles and an odd mouse disported themselves. Despite all this, the place was fairly clean and the cheese was covered with a thick paper. The stalls look like the hot dog stands at home, but the counter extends all the way across the stall and the merchant sits on it while he takes the order. One clerk handed the things down from shelves to another clerk who stood on the floor. The latter placed the goods in a basket which was later taken to the station.

We left Bombay at 9 p.m. and arrived in Jobat the following day at 4 p.m. The journey did not seem long, I was so happy at being on the last stage that nothing was tiresome. Arriving at this time of year the country looked almost like parts of our own Ontario.

The W.M.S. car met us at Dohad and the driver had breakfast for us, which we ate in the station waiting room. After getting supplies from the Mission's favorite merchant, Bootwala, we started for Jobat at 2 p.m. We arrived a little before we were expected, and the people weren't quite ready with our welcome, so we had time to wash our hands and face before meeting the people. As I was in Mr. Young's car, which followed the W.M.S. car, there was a coating of dust on me about an inch thick—both inside and out.

Iris and I loved the people from the moment we saw them. They seemed so friendly and sang quite heartily for us. When they had finished one young lad said, 'We wish you many happy returns of the day.' Wasn't that lovely? Of course we were bedecked with flower garlands.

Perhaps I'll be more interesting if I tell you a few things that have struck us as unusual.

1. We often amuse (?) ourselves watching the chipkillers (small lizards) running over the walls of our bungalow. One day Iris shouted to me to go to her bedroom. I rushed in and found her pointing to a drawer of her dresser, while she gasped out, 'Open the drawer, I shut it on a chipkiller.' I opened it very hesitantly, but nothing happened. Ellen came to our rescue and found that the tail had been cut off. The victim disappeared and left its tail behind it.

2. We've noticed that the people do a lot of their work while sitting on the floor—sewing, scrubbing, etc. Mrs. Howie told us yesterday that she baked a cake, removed it from the pan and carefully set it on a plate on top of the pan. She told her servant to ice it and when she went to the pantry later on she found him and the cake on the floor as he proceeded with the icing. The pan and plate were on the table!

3. To-day we saw a funeral procession. A child nearly a year old died in the night and about 10 o'clock this morning they passed here, carrying the little body on a stretcher. They took it to a nearby river, where it was burned. There were no women along, I think there were about 15 men.

4. We had a camel ride last week which provided amusement for ourselves and for the people around. It was an awful task trying to mount the beast and more awful still to stay put while it rose a part at a time. Miss McConnell laughed at us till the tears rolled down her cheeks.

You perhaps wonder just what I think of my new home. I think I will be very happy here. I haven't been lonely yet.''—*Bessie M. MacMurchy.*

Two Golden Days

THERE are two days in the week upon which I need never worry. Two carefree days, kept sacredly free from fear and apprehension.

One of these days is yesterday. Yesterday with all its cares and frets, with all its pains and aches, all of its faults, its mistakes and blunders, has passed forever beyond the reach of my recall, I cannot undo an act I wrought; I cannot unsay a word I said on Yesterday. All that it holds of my life, of wrong, regret and sorrow is in the hands of the mighty love that can bring honey out of the rock and sweet waters out of the bitterest desert—the love that can make the wrong things right, that can turn weeping into laughter, that can give of heaviness, joy of the morning for the woe of the night.

Save from the beautiful memories, sweet and tender, which linger like the perfume of roses in the heart of the day that is gone, I have nothing to do with Yesterday. It was mine; it is God's.

And the other day I do not worry about is To-morrow. To-morrow with all its possible adversities, its burdens, its perils, its large promise and poor performances, its failures and mistakes, is as far beyond the reason of my mastery as its dead sister, Yesterday. It is a day of God's. Its sun will rise in roseate splendor, or behind a mask of weeping clouds —but it will rise. Until then, the same love and patience that held Yesterday holds To-morrow. Save for the star of hope which gleams forever on the brow of To-morrow, shining with tender promise into the heart of to-day, I have no possession in that unborn day of grace. All else is in the safekeeping of the infinite love that holds for me the treasures of Yesterday—the love that is higher than the stars, wider than the skies, deeper than the seas. To-morrow is God's day; it will be mine.

There is left for myself, then, but one day of the week—To-day. Any man can fight the battles of To-day. Any woman can carry the burdens of just one day. Any man can resist the temptations of To-day. Oh friends, it is only when with the burdens and cares of To-day carefully measured out to us by the infinite wisdom and might which gives with them the promise "as the day," so shall thy strength be, we wilfully add the burdens of those two awful eternities—Yesterday and To-morrow, which burdens as only the mighty God can sustain—that we break them down. It isn't the experiences of To-day that drive men mad. It is the remorse for something that happened Yesterday, the dread of what To-morrow may disclose.

These are God's days. Leave them with Him.

Therefore, I think, and I do, and I journey but one day at a time. That is the easy day. That is the Man's day. Nay, rather that is our day—God's and mine. And while faithfully and dutifully I run my course and work my appointed task on that day of ours, God the Almighty and all-loving, takes care of Yesterday and To-morrow.—W. A. Diffey in *The Capitol Life Record.*

Letter Extracts

RED DEER, ALTA.—"I am liking my work here more and more. Since the first of the month I have organized two more Mission Bands and during this coming week I hope to organize two Girls' Groups and a Young People's Society. I have three Mission Band meetings also, before Friday, and hope to make some calls to and from the meetings. Already many of the people have asked me when I was going to call on them. I thought it was encouraging to know they were interested in my work."—*Frieda Matthews.*

Taihoku, Formosa.— "I'm sure the W.M.S. would be very pleased if they could see the new Leprosy Colony now. It is much changed since Rev. W. G. and Mrs. Brown saw it. It is a small village of red brick cottages situated in one of the most beautiful spots of Formosa. Last month was the first time I had been over and I was much surprised to see all the work that had been done. The buildings are all very good looking and well built and I feel sure the unfortunate lepers will be very happy in their new homes. Dr. Gushue-Taylor is doing all he can to brighten their lives."—(*Mrs. Eugene*) *Louise Stevens.*

Tamsui, Formosa.—"I am kept very busy with my two little children. I have a student helper who comes an hour a day or else I would not be able to do any mission work at all. But with his help I carry on various schemes by correspondence. I teach the Sunday School lesson to Sunday School teachers by correspondence, have a Sunday School attendance contest on a Bible memory plan for which they receive rewards of the Perry Pictures of Christ, etc.

"You surely have a wonderful group of W.M.S. ladies on the field now. We are all like sisters out here. That is one of the great compensations—the warm friendships that we make here on the field. We are missing Miss Adams though. Our children are always in danger of getting spoiled by having too many "aunts" (the W.M.S. ladies are called "aunts" for every baby) who are so good to them."—(*Mrs. Jas.*) *Lilliam R. Dickson.*

Livingston Mission, Vancouver.—"We are glad to say we have sent in our Budget allocation and also $5. each to the One Step Forward Movement and Dr. Grant's special scheme.

"The people have little money but some of them are willing to sacrifice. A few Sundays ago I had to take the service myself and though I had my own sermon prepared I thought I'd read instead, a sermon published in the September *Record,* 'God's Law of Prosperity', by Rev.

J. McNeill, with the thought that it might help some of them to get their eyes off themselves and look up to God. At the close one woman came up to me with a dollar saying, 'we want a share in those blessings'. Out of her little she had given much, and I'm sure she rejoiced the heart of the Lord of the treasury. Eleven subscriptions for *Glad Tidings* have been sent in, one for each member and one over.''—*Margaret Grigor.*

Taihoku, Formosa.—''When I arrived in Kobe Miss MacDonald and Miss Anderson met me at the boat and invited me to stay with them. On September 17th, we left Kobe, arriving in Keelung on the 20th. Miss Hermanson, Miss Taylor and Miss Chisholm met us at the boat and I was taken to Taihoku where I am to stay while studying. I am going to Tamsui an afternoon a week to teach music and thus relieve Miss Taylor somewhat for language study as well as give me some contact with the Girls' School.''—*Mary E. MacVey.*

Gonor Mission, Manitoba.—''Judging from the lowered attendance at our Rally Day help in clothing was never more needed, if we are to maintain the attendance at Sunday School throughout the winter. It costs little to make the children presentable and comfortable in summer, but when a man has to sell his potatoes at less than cost price and his grain the same, if he has any to sell, and with taxes in arrears, paying a little at a time possibly on last year's to save his homestead being put up for sale, the children's comfort and health become the secondary matter. When the compulsory officer threatens court for non-attendance at day school, the availing plea is, 'Let the municipality give us suitable clothing and we shall send them', but when a municipality is bankrupt, only having received last year some 46 per cent. of taxes due, you can understand something of the need.

''We have at present some 64 scholars on our Sunday School roll and two-thirds of these under 12 years of age, all having enough to eat, but, all scantily clad.

''In spite of such a doleful story, we are coming out well in our missionary offerings and expect to exceed our allocations.''—*Mary Mackenzie.*

Canora, Sask.—''I am very wealthy to-day. In return for a new baby I received from the father, seven dollars in cash, four dressed geese and ten live turkeys. The latter I am going to kill right away so our meat bill this next month won't be much. It is hard to tell what we will have for trading before the winter is over.

''The hospital is again very, very busy. This afternoon we have twenty patients in. Four are maternity cases. The 'Hospital Aid' held a carnival Friday evening last and we had a splendid turn-out. Bad as times are, we made $250. Our expenses came to about $15, so we have a nice sum coming to us. We have decided on a portable fracture apparatus, what else to get is proving hard to decide. There are several pieces of equipment we need. I think likely it will be a modern obstetrical bed. Every one is so happy over the wonderful response to the carnival.''

—*Mary W. Cuddy.*

Vegreville Hospital.—Our collections were quite good last month. We are fairly busy this month, but have so many non-paying patients. The people have not the money. Last month a man hauled a load of coal from the mines, on his account. He is bringing me two loads of wood next week. I was very grateful to him for trying to pay his bill that way. Yesterday, we took in five chickens and three dozen eggs on an account. We are getting a lamb on Saturday and hope to get a quarter of beef next week. A woman came to see me yesterday asking if I would take produce for part of her account. She is bringing in wood, turkey and chicken. This is a great help to us. It will keep our accounts down, and these farmers have no money. The price of wheat is so low.

I was at supper with Miss McKee last night. It is so nice to watch her with her girls. Afterwards they all sang a children's hymn. Then Miss McKee read them a Bible story. They go about their work so quietly and do things so neatly. We had our Hospital Aid fruit shower last Saturday, and got such lovely fruit. We will have about 100 quarts, 3 baskets of grapes and 1 box of apples. The Hospital Aid made about $17.00 at their ''silver tea.'' The Aid are a wonderful help these hard times.—*Miss A. L. MacPherson.*

Presbyterian School Residences, Vegreville, Alberta.—Last night was the Thank-offering meeting of our W.M.S. We raised $25.00 over and above our regular collection so we have sent away for a Life Membership certificate, which we are going to present to Helen (Miss Mearns) the cook at the Hospital. We feel that she is the next in line to have one. She is a good Presbyterian ''frae Aberdeen.''

We have five more pupils in and expect another next week, four girls and two boys. Miss McKee has more girls than we have now, something that has never happened before. Money is scarce but getting produce is really better than hard cash, when we would have to buy anyway, but it will not pay for lots of things.

Miss McKee says it reminds her of the pioneer days when they got a little meat or a few vegetables towards the board, for money was out of the question.—*Mrs. Adam Robertson.*

"I REACHED Dohad September 21st. This afternoon we drove over to Sardi and how glad I was to see everyone! I have been greeting school boys and girls, teachers and delegations of Bhil friends all day and how good it is to see them."—*Christine Maxwell.*

"MISS MAXWELL has been here two weeks and she is right into work. She has five women working with her here in Amkhut, going out visiting the different homes and giving the Gospel. The women in Sardi have been organized into groups again, too, and they go out there daily."—*M. H. Williamson.*

"Cecilia Jeffery" Indian Residential School.—"I was surprised to see how Mr. Smith and his band were coming along at 'Cecilia Jeffrey.' He has got a number one band. They are wonderful."—*William Hounslow.*

"I had 3 boys at 'C.J.' School equally good artists: Stephen Landon, John Edward Kipling and Jim Kelley. John Edward continued his art long after leaving the school, but his health would not permit him to take a course. I am very glad Stephen is having a chance. There are two subjects in which the Indian shows marked ability—music and painting. These should be developed, because by cultivating this aesthetic taste the old life and habits are displaced."—*Lena Brodie, Ahousaht, B.C.*

"The District Ploughing Match was held this week and two of our boys at 'C.J.' Indian School won first and third places. Frank She bah Kee she quab won the highest marks on the field, winning over the men. Alex John won third."—*E. W. Byers.*

Birtle Indian Residential School.—"Hazel Cote is now with us and ready to enter a training school. She tried grade 11 in June. Her ambition is to become a nurse.

"We have our threshing done and the crops were very good. We have over 1,700 bushels of oats and 1,800 bushels of barley and some peas. Our potatoes are also a large crop."—*H. B. Currie.*

"We have one girl taking grade VIII work and one grade VII at Mistawasis. A number of our larger girls went to Birtle. Fifteen pupils were in attendance in October."—*W. W. Moore.*

Pouce Coupe.—At the present time you could not find a lovelier country or better weather. The whole countryside is decked out in gold and the sun shines and shines. But a week ago last Sunday was anything but like that. It had rained from Friday until Sunday morning. So, Sunday morning we dressed in breeks and gum boots and started for High Ridge. That is where we slide down the canyon and we almost slid down going up that morning, for it certainly was muddy, but, by the time we got to the school house, the sun was shining. Only old Mr. Freeman came out and he only came because he saw the car. When I called round this week they all said they hadn't any idea that I would attempt to come out. They thought I would not be able to get the car up the hill.

Old Mr. Freeman has a lovely garden and he gave me some beets and carrots. I wanted to pay for them but he quoted, ''Silver and gold have I none, but what I have you can have.'' I told him I hadn't much gold myself but I could make a cake, and anticipation certainly lit up his face. He and his grandson live in a one-room log cabin and do their own cooking, so they were quite pleased with the cake I took them.

I held a service at Tupper on Thanksgiving Sunday, but there were not many there. They are all very glad to have a service but when they have to walk two and three miles over roads like they were that day I do not wonder that they don't get out.

There is a little youngster of nine at the hospital. She had her foot amputated by a mower and was brought in about 60 miles in a wagon. She is the happiest child. I took her out for a little ride on Monday and she was thrilled. It seems too bad to think of her being away out in the wilds and handicapped like that. There isn't even a school out there, but she loves reading, and has just devoured books since she has been in the hospital.—*Hazel Macdonald.*

Christmas is Christmas the Wide World Over

This letter was sent to Miss Wenger, Superintendent of the W.M.S. Hospital at South Porcupine, in acknowledgement of the 1931 parcel of Christmas gifts.

''THE concert and tree were all rather hurried in preparation, but everything went off splendidly. Late in November I organized a Ladies'-Aid of all the women in the district, and they were worthy ''Aiders'' when the work of the concert came on. They formed themselves into committees to get names so that not a single child should be missed; committees to wrap and label; committees to decorate, etc. It was a busy day, but we all enjoyed it. Sleighloads of both children and grown-ups came many miles over the lonely bush and prairie trails, and the log schoolhouse was jammed to capacity. Up in one corner stood the shining tree, and the Christmas story being told in song and chant there in the dim lantern light. It was the first Christmas tree some of the children had ever seen and their eyes were like saucers.

When it came to distributing the gifts they swarmed up on to the platform and would not be shoved away, so we laughingly gave in and waded about through the jam of eager youngsters. It was a night they will long remember. There is no doubt that your thought for them was joyously appreciated.

This is a great country—miles and miles of it—just being settled. My territory includes about six or seven hundred square miles and it keeps me busy just touching the fringe of work to be done. I have two Sunday appointments, with Sunday School and Church Service at both places. This is the first winter the settlers here have had services of any kind. I have to ride horseback to my morning appointment and preach in ''pants'' but nobody thinks of clothes up here. They're only too glad to have warm clothes of any kind without bothering about the fashions.

I travel on horseback and my saddle horse has the royal name ot ''Duke.'' He is a high and fast stepper, when he wants to go, and I know just about how far it is to the ground from his back, having had two spills already. No serious damage however. What are a few bruises in a lifetime?

The people in Dixonville provided the logs and labor for a log house, just for the sake of having a doctor in their midst. And I discovered that it was up to me to boss the job! And nothing greener in the matter of log houses ever stepped into the Peace River District! However, if a person doesn't know how, she just naturally steps up and learns. So I learned. Stood on a log pile and gave orders and between whiles cooked piping hot dinners of murphies, moose steaks and pie for the hungry crews.

Just moved into the almost completed house this week and am writing you very early indeed Christmas morning, in the glow of the heater donated by a bachelor neighbor. To-day we dine to the tune of two turkeys at the home of a hospitable neighbor—*not* the bachelor.

From my windows I can see a white and frosty world, spangled with hoar frost to usher in the King's birthday.

A glad New Year and blessings be upon you for your thought of little lonely ones up in the Peace River Valley.'' —*Margaret Strang*

A Prayer for Times Like These

Help me, in times like these,
To braver be;
Trusting, each trying day,
For strength from Thee.

Help me to keep my faith
When funds are low;
Guide me to wisely plan
The way to go.

Help me to learn to smile
Beneath the load,
And lift some struggling one
Along the road.

Help me to walk by faith,
And not by sight,
Knowing, in God's good time,
All will come right.

—*Mary K. Miller in Women and Missions.*

Chinese Work in Canada

Toronto

WE had a wonderful Bible Vacation School in Toronto. Sixty children registered at first and 55 were kept on the permanent school roll. There was an average attendance of 48. We considered that very good indeed, and the spirit was just as fine all through. Miss Kathleen Mark played for the primary children and was a great help to us, as she was ready for any service in any department.—*Agnes I. Dickson.*

Victoria

Smiles and Tears

ONE of my girls, Esther Chan Dune, who was President of the C.G.I.T. Group, left on August 27th for China. She is going to a girls' boarding school in Hong Kong, where her relatives live. Everyone liked Esther so much, as she was always so helpful and unselfish. There was a large number of her friends to see her off on the boat going to Vancouver, from there she sailed on a Blue Funnel steamer. She hopes to attend a mission school in Hong Kong, conducted by a Mrs. and Miss Koo, who studied English girls' school methods in England.

After bidding Esther good-bye, some twenty members of the W.M.S. met at Miss Lee's house for their meeting, and it was a very good meeting indeed. Mrs. Wilson, the kindly landlady, baked scones for the occasion and a tea party brought the afternoon to a close.

Kindergarten enrollment has now reached 38 so every seat is taken. Miss Lee and I are busy every minute, but they really are very good little things. Now and then there seems to be an epidemic of tears. One might start it by feeling lonely, another by having a bump, and before the morning is over there will be half a dozen cases. One morning a new pupil got homesick and two others cried in sympathy, so we had a distracting time with three weeping together, and the little homesick one had to be taken back to mother. However, most mornings every one is happy.

Going to school in the morning is like a snowball going down hill. I begin with one little girl, eight blocks from school, acquire four more the next block, and reach school with the small army of eighteen. They hold hands in twos and threes and are good at waiting at the corners until given the word to cross, so I feel pretty safe with them.

The Mission Band and C.G.I.T. have had meetings this month and plans are being made for the winter work.

Rev. D. A. Smith has been over twice this month, the last time being at the Communion service. It was quite well attended and a little baby was christened that evening.—*Gertrude Scott.*

Vancouver

LAST month we had 51 children on our roll and this month we have 50 with an average attendance of between 35 and 40. Our difficulty is collecting them. Chinatown proper is only a matter of three or four blocks, but these children are scattered in all directions from the church. The three workers collect separate groups and then when two of us have arrived one has to go out again for more.

I wish you could come with one of us some morning. Perhaps you have visited the ''Ghetto'' in Chicago. Vancouver's Chinatown is something like it, streets made narrow by carts, trucks and cars parked on both sides. They are not selling their wares, though, but are loading or unloading fruit, vegetables, meat, etc., and then rushing off again. Mr. Smith always says, it is good for us to collect the children because it gives the mothers confidence in us to see us every morning. I agree with that but would add that it increases our confidence in God because we have to trust Him every step of the way. This year our children seem so small. When one has one or two six-year olds it helps such a lot. It is often so foggy in the mornings one can scarcely see a step in front but it usually clears by noon.

Mabel Chan and James Chan at Willows' Beach, Vancouver.

Miss Armstrong has the C.G.I.T. and they are holding regular midweek meetings. The Mission Band is growing so big, that I think we will have to move to a larger room. I wish you could hear some of the little girls pray! We have two new teachers for the boys. Splendid young men they are and we are hoping for good things among the boys.

The W.M.S. is quite encouraging. We have some new women, kindergarten mothers, who come and seem really interested. Mrs. Louie usually speaks to them but sometimes we have an outsider.

At one Communion Service, a man, resident at the Mission, and one of our women, were baptized and received into the membership of the Church. Then the woman's whole family of six children were baptized and dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ. The father, Mr. Yeasting Pons, was a Church member before. It was most encouraging to all of us.

I know the Lord is working in the hearts of people here. Pray that we, to whom Chinese, Japanese and every other foreigner are looking, may constantly walk worthy of the high calling wherewith we are called in Christ Jesus.—*Ruth Yeandle.*

Japan

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

A KINDERGARTEN was begun on October 17th in Tongbo Church, Osaka. This is the largest group in Osaka, and the Church is situated in a district where literally thousands of Koreans are living. About 30 children came and a number of the parents and all wore smiling countenances for they had been wanting a kindergarten for a long time. It would be easy to get as many more children but one teacher could hardly manage such a large number.

The opening was very fine. Pastor Oh presided and conducted the worship period then one of the other teachers told a story to the children and the new teacher was introduced. I had the pleasure of speaking a few words to the parents and the first day concluded with a short message from Miss Peavy, a teacher of a kindergarten training school for Japanese teachers.

Not long ago I heard an interesting story and thought you would enjoy it too.

In our Sinho kindergarten there is a little boy of about six years whose name is Chongil. His younger brother also attends. Last spring the teacher had been telling stories of miracles performed by our Lord and the children had loved the stories and remembered them very well. One day, little Chongil's mother came home from market to find her son lying face down on the floor and repeating something. On asking what he was doing she received the reply, ''I am praying to Jesus to make our teacher better soon so she can come back to kindergarten again.'' If only all of us had the simple faith of the little children! The parents in that home were not Christians but the mother now believes and, at our last W.M.S. became a member, certainly the little children do witness for the Master and many parents are brought to the Lord through them. Recently while the children were doing their hand-work at kindergarten I heard a number of them saying over and over the words of John 3: 16 and my heart was gladdened.—*Jean C. MacLean.*

The Bell and the Birdtail

By Russel White

SUNDAY was to be the Thank-offering meeting at the reserve and on the spur of the moment I decided to turn my steps in the direction of the Birdtail Presbyterian Church; partly to see if the bell would ring, and partly because I wanted to see just what the service was like and how the people worshipped. You hear so many differing reports, you know.

The morning was decidedly frosty and sure enough, while I was yet several hundred yards from the Church the clear tones of the bell reached me. Ringing out in cheerful notes its message of gladness, of welcome and of Thanksgiving.

There was quite a considerable audience and that seemed to be a true indication to me that church—their church—meant something to the people, and do you know why it seemed that way to me? Well, I'll tell you; as they sat in church, they smiled. (Now, my dear boy, you may travel from one end to the other of Great Britain and Ireland, the Empire of India and the British Domains beyond the seas, and you will *not* see folks sitting in Church and looking happy about it, but the Birdtail Indians can tell the world something, right there.)

Then I received the surprise of my life when the Special Thank-offering was taken up. You tell me those people don't understand English? You state emphatically that you never saw one of them looking happy! Words fail me to suitably inscribe your almost hopeless state of illiteracy! They gave, they gave generously; they ALL gave, and they gave GLADLY, with joyous, happy, smiling faces they came forward and placed their contributions on the plate. The missionary was almost as deeply impressed as I, I believe, as his splendid prayer of gratitude showed.

And when you are acquainted with the details of the case, the more profoundly it impresses you. They live such simple lives, these dear people; and a little money to them, a few dollars, assumes a greater value than we *ever* place on mere currency. Yet, they ALL gave!

Even the kids had a share in the offering, little youngsters, not yet of school age, toddled up with their pennies. Why, the Missionary had to bend down quite low that they might drop their precious gifts upon the heaped-up plate. Back in the pews were the proud mothers, looking on. A little anxious, perhaps, lest some smiling cherub forget what was the proper thing to do; or drop something; or that tiny feet might trip on the edge of the aisle carpet. Proud, too, that they had done their share. Proud of their little Mission Church, so carefully scrubbed and polished in honor of this occasion extraordinary. Proud that those dear, tender, young ones had come up so splendidly to their expectations. So they gave, and they did it ''Smiling''.

I am convinced that a few contributions, given just that way, would accomplish a mighty work in the Church. In the aggregate they might not be large, but my dear fellow, just think of the manner in which glorious victory has come out of almost certain defeat if a man go forth in the right spirit with only a stub of a sword.

''Bravo, the Birdtail!'' said I enthusiastically.

A Summer Memory in Mid-winter

The First Summer Camp at Gonor, Man.

OUR first girls' summer camp in Manitoba was a great success. No registration fees were asked, thus enabling 43 'teen-age girls to spend a most enjoyable and profitable nine days under canvas, at Gonor, Manitoba—our Mission—which is under the superintendence of Mrs. Mary MacKenzie.

Being our first camp, experience had to teach great things. There were times when it seemed that the idea would have to be abandoned, owing to not having any money on hand to finance the venture. However, with earnest endeavor and faithful prayers, this was eventually overcome. It was surprising how everything that was needed for our camp was forthcoming. The Winnipeg Presbytery supplied the necessary tents, one very kind woman volunteered to cook for the girls, thus saving our camp funds at least $25.00; supplies of groceries came in abundance; unexpected donations of cash came from interested persons and a camp site was offered by Mrs. MacKenzie; another lady offered her beautiful home and grounds for a tea, to help pay off any deficit; and in just one week from the date of closing camp, all bills were paid and the balance of 6c. remained on the right side of the ledger.

Mrs. H. M. Coulter was Camp Directress and the 43 'teen-age girls from Winnipeg and outside points, received a thorough and profitable Christian training during their stay at camp. It is to be hoped that all the Churches represented will be strengthened through the great work carried on by Mrs. Coulter. —*(Mrs. J.) A. B. Neville.*

A correction.—We regret that in the November number, the account of Miss Jenkinson's Camp at East Selkirk, was inadvertently headed—Gonor Camp; with Mrs. Mackenzie as Camp Mother.—EDITOR.

WANTED

Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, Supply Secretary, 154 High Park Avenue, Toronto, is in search of a sewing machine for the School Residence at New Liskeard, Ontario. Anyone knowing where a machine may be obtained, please write Mrs. Fletcher.

British Guiana

Essequebo.

YOUR parcel of pictures and cards arrived yesterday and we are extremely grateful to all who took the trouble to collect them. Our children were so delighted with these cards and pictures at Christmas time, and we, ourselves, were very interested in the novel ideas found among the collection.

I wonder how you knew I collected all the pretty colored linings of envelopes, etc.? You certainly sent them to the right person, for I use them to cover papier-maché bowls which I fill with home made candies and then we sell them at our harvest sales. The Indians think they are wonderful and they cost so little and look so pretty.

We were glad to see the larger pictures of various animals and I intend to frame them and present them to some of our schools. So you see nothing sent is ever considered useless. We are glad for the tiniest thing, and know that we are being remembered by those who have many other interests and claims upon them, as you must have.

The heat has been terrific of late. Two nights ago we had a very heavy storm, thunder that shook and rocked the house, lightning that seemed to be almost continuous for hours, and lit up the whole countryside. Mr. Fisher said he had never seen anything like it and he has lived in this colony 37 years.

This week-end we go up river to one of our island stations where we have five churches and four day schools. It is our Harvest Festival season and the children will be so bright and happy in new print frocks and white suits or cotton shirts, with a pink or blue ribbon on the girls' long black hair or a blue bow on the boys' shirt somewhere!

It is wonderful how sweetly they sing although they have no instrument, and the Mohammedan and Hindi parents are as proud of hearing their children recite or sing Christian hymns or poems as any one. The people are mostly peasant type—rice planters or laborers—and very poor. When no rice work is to be had they are for weeks without work or money, or may get $1.00 a week for ''hedging and bushing,'' that is, clearing away thorns and weeds.

Few of our women can read and many of the East Indian girls are taken from school at the age of ten and married in Hindi fashion at twelve. They are literal slaves to their mothers-in-law and the daughters of the house come before them in everything, until they have borne a boy child for the husband, then their conditions alter slightly and they are given a better place in the home.

But I see many signs of the ideas of the young girls gradually altering, especially those who have been brought up in our Christian schools. They are more particular about the husband chosen, and are requiring different conditions in the home. They see our true Christian young folks' home and desire the same—equality and consideration one for the other. So although the change is slow it is coming gradually but surely, and in the future we hope that all our East Indian people will accept the only true way of life—to be followers of Christ. No other way will bring them true happiness.—*(Mrs. R. G.) Ethel M. Fisher.*

An Ancient Timepiece Honors the Memory of Dr. John Geddie

THE memory of Dr. John Geddie, Nova Scotia's pioneer foreign missionary was honored in a unique manner on Sunday, November 20th, in the First Presbyterian Church, Pictou, N.S., when at the close of the morning service the minister, Dr. Baird, presented to the Church a beautiful mahogany grandfather's clock made by John Geddie as a young man, then assisting his father, John Geddie senior, who came from Banff, Scotland, in 1816, to carry on his trade as a clockmaker, his young son then being one year old.

In presenting the interesting heirloom to the congregation, Dr. Baird pointed out that he discovered it in one of the homes of the town quite by accident and finding the name ''John Geddie'' engraved upon the dial, and being satisfied that it had been made by the future missionary and transmitted by gift from the Geddie family to the present owners some 80 years ago, he had taken steps to secure it for the Church and after having had it thoroughly renewed in all worn parts internally and restored to its original shade externally, he had placed it in the vestry of the church where it could be seen from the vestibule by all entering or retiring from the edifice.

Running 100 Years

As far as could be determined the clock had been running about 100 years. The case, of rich mahogany of two shades, is of great beauty and is highly ornamental, with highboy top supported on mahogany columns crowned with brushed brass capitals.

Dr. Geddie was associated with Prince Street Church, now First Church, from infancy to the time of his entering the ministry in 1837. He received his initial religious training and impulse from this Church. It was here, at a meeting held on November 3, 1846, that he was designated for foreign mission work in the New Hebrides. He labored there until 1872, when he died, being buried in Australia, after having been the means, under God, of converting the entire island of Aneitium, with over 4,000 inhabitants, from cannibalism to Christianity.

Pays Tribute

Sir William Dawson, a friend and schoolmate of Dr. Geddie in Pictou Academy, writing of him long afterwards, after speaking of his personal appearance as a schoolboy, and of his commanding place among the missionary princes of the Church says:

> ''In the Kingdom of Christ, the good that men do lives after them, and may go on growing and extending till the end of time.''

Dr. Baird, after quoting the above, in presenting the clock to the congregation said:

''The clock, seen and heard for the first time to-day in this Dr. Geddie's initial church home, made with his own hands, a thing of beauty and a joy forever, is intended as a reminder and a memorial of one of the great and good men through whom Nova Scotia has blessed the world. It is hoped that its presence here in the church, for all time, will prove to be a living link with one of the Church's greatest ornaments, and by calling attention in a concrete and visible manner to a former member, may it be that his zeal for the Gospel and the salvation of the souls of men may inspire the young, and all who see it, to similar sacrifice and good works for to-day, and the days to come.''

Brave Canada

The Rain That Did Not Come

WHAT is Faith, confidence? Canada knows.

During the last Canadian music festivals a clarinet player drove 250 miles in an open car through a series of severe duststorms to play a piece that lasted two minutes. That man had a right to say that he loved music. Love is not too strong a word. His story is told by Mr. Plunket Green, who was one of the judges of the Musical Festivals in Western Canada. He has returned home with a deep admiration for Canadian character.

Last June Mr. Greene was judging at Moose Jaw in Southern Saskatchewan. There had been no rain for three years. The people and their wheat had lived on the winter snows, but there had been no snow that winter. The prairie was a desert of dust, piled six feet high in places over the starving wheat.

Splendid Fortitude

Suddenly the hall grew dark. A woman cried out ''The rain.'' All round the hall voices took up the joyous news: Rain, Rain, Rain. It meant that they might yet be saved from ruin. A thrice blessed cloud,—but it was not a raincloud. The darkness was a sandstorm which swept over the city, piling everywhere furrows of grey dirt.

Nobody shed a tear. There was no outcry. The four judges from England were amazed at the appearance of happiness and unconcern kept up by their hosts. You would have thought that Canada lived on music and grew wheat as a hobby!

Is there not something magnificent about faith and fortitude like that?

MORE CLOTHING, PLEASE!

THERE has been a good response to the appeal for clothing for Northern Ontario and the West, but the need is far from met. Calls are insistent for children's clothing, warm underwear, and wool for knitting. Garments that can be made over will also be very welcome by the Committee of women who are only too glad to make them over for the little folks, many of whom are insufficiently clothed, and the winter is long and cold.

Sewing For Missions

Fold each hem with loving care,
Breathe a little, hopeful prayer
That this simple deed,
Duplicated o'er and o'er,
Willingly, from shore to shore,
May relieve some need.

Sew them all with joyful thought,
Conscious that the work has brought
Greater harmony.
As the fingers needles ply,
Thoughts o'er land and sea may fly
In loving sympathy.

Wrap them all with faith and prayer,
Thankful you have had a share
In a blessed task.
As to those in need they go,
May our love for others show,
O, Father. This we ask!

—Nellie Benham Spaulding, in "Women and Missions."

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

IN view of chaotic conditions, the first resolution each member should make this year, is to acquaint herself more thoroughly with the problems and customs of our own and other lands. Good books, interesting reading, and fair discussions can result, and all are worth while. Let us resolve to learn one new fact about the work each month.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PROGRAMMES FOR AUXILIARIES OR GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS—1c. each. Get your supply early.

New Free Leaflets

Several new leaflets are available. The Guide for Auxiliary Officers is given free with the new study book, ''The Seven Seas of Service.'' Have you had your copy?

THE GIFT OF PRAYER has been much appreciated. It is a free leaflet. If you have not one, secure it from your Literature Secretary.

W.M.S. ENVELOPES FOR THE AUXILIARY is a new leaflet on the use of monthly envelopes for systematic giving, and each Auxiliary should consider their use.

ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MISSION BANDS has been reprinted with a number of changes. Anyone desiring a supply may secure the same.

VISITING IN THE VARIOUS HOSPITALS is the report of Miss Mary Murray's work in the Toronto Hospitals. It is reprinted from the *Glad Tidings,* and is available for Auxiliaries.

THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN IMMIGRANT IN CANADA, by England, has been bound specially in a paper 75c. edition for our office, and we trust a large number preparing papers on the new study books will order this book for its valuable information on the adjusting of the new Canadians.

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Mission Band Prizes

The following would make splendid prizes for Mission Band attendance, or other rewards to be given in the New Year.

BELLS OF INDIA, by Ethel Higginbottom, $1.50.

LITTLE CHILDREN OF MISSION LANDS, by Mary Entwistle, $1.00.

IN BEAUTIFUL FORMOSA, by M. Landsborough, 75c.

THE EVERYLAND STORY BOOK, on India and China, 65c.

TELL ME A NOAH'S ARK STORY, by Mary Stewart, at 75c, is also a beautiful book for this purpose.

Orders for Presbyterial Literature should be sent in as soon as possible The Literature table is important.

Prayer

O GOD, our Father, at the beginning of this New Year we would dedicate ourselves anew to Thee. May we hear Thy voice summoning us to deeper devotion in Thy service and respond whole-heartedly to Thy call. Grant us a continual sense of Thy abiding Presence and Thine over-ruling guidance in our daily life. Put into the heart of each one of us such a love for Thee that we may love our neighbors as ourselves and minister to the varying needs of our generation. Consecrate our friendships and may we be given grace to help our friends by prayer and understanding and sympathy. Grant us the spirit of true joy in our hearts and, if we be called to face anxieties and trials, may we do so with steadfastness. Keep us from speaking the unkind words or indulging in the ''unkind silence.'' May we consecrate unto Thee our intellect and our substance and may we give gladly and freely for the work of Thy Church at home and abroad. Show us, we beseech Thee, wherein we fail of Thy Divine purpose for us. Strengthen our faith, deepen our love and grant us a clear vision of the beauty of Holiness and confidence that by Thy grace we may attain to it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

Dear Young Women:

JOY-CROWNED the New Year greets us. As he makes his bow to the troubled world, in clearest bugle notes he tells us, ''Ring out the old: ring in the new.'' The young New Year, with his poised pencil and his clean page, is the particular friend of youth. He brings hope, enthusiasm and confidence. He comes as a spur to greater endeavor. Life is made up of fresh starts and beginnings—that is what makes a New Year such a romantic and fascinating thing.

As we turn another leaf in this book of life, we hope it will record for our Young Women enlarged membership in each Auxiliary, greater interest in our work and our Society, and much earnest prayer by our members.

We would ask your co-operation that this hope may be realized.

What ''tested methods'' have you used in your Auxiliary that would be of interest and help to others?

What is your method of using the study book? Of having each member take her part in prayer? Of making your programmes interesting and instructive?

What plans have you used to increase your membership? To raise your expense money? To reach your allocation?

How do you get the articles for your bale? Do you hold sewing meetings? Do more members attend the sewing meetings than the devotional meetings? How have you corrected this?

Have you solved any of these problems? Will you tell others how you did so? Your suggestion may help some one else and by the exchange of ideas through the ''Page'' our work will benefit.

We are hoping to receive a real deluge of letters from you and that you, as individual members, will feel a responsibility in making this ''Page'' interesting and helpful to all. Your ideas may be entirely new to others, although you may have read them time and again. This is your ''Page.'' Use it.

Here's a clean year, a white year.
Reach your hand and take it.
You are the builder,
And no one else can make it.
See what it is
That waits here whole and new;
It's not a year only
But the world for you!

—*Fergie D. Holman.*

RALLIES HELD IN ONTARIO

A RALLY gives new impetus to every department of the work. It gives us the vision and the enthusiasm needed for the work in the coming months. Have you held one this year?

The young women of Toronto Presbyterial held a supper meeting and a Round Table Conference in November. Miss MacMurchy, President of the Women's Missionary Society, was the guest speaker. Mrs. J. G. Inkster, President of Toronto Presbyterial, conducted a question box.

A Leaders' Conference of the young women of Toronto Presbyterial was held in December by Miss Laura K. Pelton, Field Secretary. Many of the problems which confront leaders were discussed and very helpful suggestions were given by Miss Pelton who also spoke briefly on some of the qualifications necessary for successful leaderships.

Peterborough P.S.—A representative young women's rally was held in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough. Speakers were Miss Whittington, reporting on the summer school, and Mrs. K. B. Schroeder, Provincial Young Women's Secretary. The Mission Band, in costume, and the girls assisted in the programme.

SUCCESS SUGGESTIONS

Avoid monotonous repetition in meetings. Vary the programme sufficiently to keep interest alive. Have different members plan each programme, this is a simple way to insure variety. Plan your programmes at least a week before your meeting is held. You can't expect a programme planned in a hurry and at the last minute to prove interesting.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

"A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

THE year 1933 stretches ahead as smooth and trackless as the sandy beach after the tide has receded. In the words of the old colored woman about Tomorrow, "It ain't been teched yet," and there is something challenging as well as startling in the thought of the first imprints. But, what will the constant succession of these 1933 footsteps make? A path, an onward path, amid new scenes, new experiences and new friendships. To press ahead, at times, may be difficult, but always there is the Good Companion of the way ready to answer requests for guidance and to render light in dark places.

In turn, it may be the fulfilling of the Master's purpose, that some of us give guidance to fellow travellers. This may be in group leadership, in the sharing of personal talent, in the bestowing of interest and sympathy or even in the speaking of a friendly word. Alone, such efforts may prove of small avail but, touched with the desire to be like Him, 1933 will continue throughout "A Happy New Year" across which pathways will be traced by the imprints of our service.

Prayer

In the still air the music lies unheard,
In the rough marble beauty hides unseen:
To make the music and the beauty needs
The Master's touch, the sculptor's chisel keen.

Great Master, touch me with Thy skilful hand,
Let not the music that is in me die;
Great Sculptor, hew and polish us, nor let
Hidden and lost, Thy form within us lie.

Spare not the stroke: do with us as Thou wilt,
Let there be nought unfinished, broken, marred:
Complete Thy purpose that we may become
Thy perfect image, Thou our God and Lord.

—*Horatius Bonar.*

After speaking of guidance, it seems strange to ask the groups to carry on until spring without the advice and inspiration of a Girls' Work Secretary. Since, within the last year, all sections of the country have benefitted by a visit from Miss Jean Cowan, and since every department has had to consider the curtailing of expense, this decision has been reached. Meantime office assistance is available, so do not hesitate to write for information or material to Room 701, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

1933 Contributions

Even after studying the first few chapters of ''Who Is My Neighbor?'' you have discovered that the kind of a welcome received by the newcomers determines largely their attitude towards Canada. Also, you have seen that our Church and the W.M.S. have felt a responsibility to these strangers and, as a result, the Welcome and Welfare Department has been established. It is to this particular branch of the work that the 1933 contributions of the Girls' Organizations will be directed. The pennies, nickels and dimes will be kept busy spinning from port to railway station, from crowded tenement to lonely frontier home as the deaconesses extend helping hands in His name and yours.

January Programme Suggestions

For a post box or mail bag feature, choose letters from December number of the *Glad Tidings,* ''The Work of Our Hands,'' page 405; ''Appreciation of Western Relief Supplies,'' page 410; and from this present issue, letters telling about far countries. If possible, secure stamps of these foreign countries, or lantern slides might give a realistic background.

Can you not make a place in your programme this month for ''A Call to Prayer'' appearing on page 433, December *Glad Tidings.* Notice that this call is in connection with the World Day of Prayer which takes place March 3, 1933, and that it has been prepared by your old friend, Ruth Muskrat Bronson, the story of whose career appeared on this page last year in connection with ''Council Fires.''

MISSION BANDS

WHO WARMS YOUR HOUSE IN WINTER?

Taken from ''Missionary Stories—Junior''

BY MARGARET T. APPLEGARTH

ONE winter Tom earned ten cents a week helping his father. One day, quite by mistake, his father let the furnace fire go out. Of course the house got very cold. But by the time his father came home from work, Tom had everything all ready for his father to lay paper, then the kindling wood, then the coal into the furnace. So it was only a minute before his father drew a little box of matches from his pocket, struck a match and lighted the paper.

Tom said proudly to his father: ''I tell you what, father, if is wasn't for you and me doing all this, I guess mother and the girls would freeze, wouldn't they?''

His father said: ''Well, let me see, Tom, I guess it took at least one hundred other people to help us start this fire—even a canary bird helped.''

You ought to have heard Tom laugh. ''Well, I like that,'' he said. ''Didn't I split the kindling, and shovel the coal, and get the old newspapers all crushed up ready for you?''

Tom's father sat down on a big box and ticked off the things on his fingers: ''Well, let me see: First we used a match, then a newspaper, then wood, then coal. That's four things. Let's begin with the match box. Here it is—tell me what it says right there on the cover?''

Tom leaned over and read where his father pointed: ''Made in Japan.''

''All right,'' said his father. ''Then first of all it took a very tiny little Japanese girl to help us to make our furnace fire. How much do you suppose they get for them?''

Tom said: ''I don't know, sir. Perhaps two cents apiece.''

''My dear fellow, that would be a fortune to those poor children, for they only get eight cents for a thousand boxes.'' His father went on: ''Then there's the newspaper we used for our fire. Now once newspapers were trees.''

''Yes, trees out in some big forest. It took several rough lumberjacks to cut down the particular tree that finally became this newspaper, then a good many different men in the factory to make the tree over into wood pulp, and still more to make the wood pulp over into paper. Then it took a lot of men to print the words on the newspaper. So even in crushing in the old newspaper you had a good many helpers.''

''As for the kindling wood it was cut down and chopped up by men in Rescue Mission, here in town.''

Tom sighed: ''I guess the last little chop I gave the wood wasn't much of a stunt then, was it?''

''It helped me, though, Tom, that counts. Now we come to the coal. Other strange men from foreign lands had to go deep, deep down in the earth to dig out the coal. That was very dangerous work, for there are gases down there that make men faint and become unconscious, so these miners carry a canary in a cage with them. You see, the canary faints from the gases several minutes before the men would do so, so it gives the men a warning to rush to fresher air.''

Tom came and put his arm on his father's shoulders: ''Say Dad,'' he said, ''it makes me feel awfully cheeky to think I boasted about doing this job alone.''

Tom's father smiled: ''That's all right, you couldn't know without being told that it takes such a lot of unknown persons to help us live. I think God wants us to honor each of these working men in our thoughts. He loves them exactly as well as He loves you and me.''

Tom dug his hands in his pockets. ''Dad, you know the fellows I know call them Wops and Dagoes and Sheenies. It's awfully cheap in us to do it, isn't it?''

''Rather,'' his father said emphatically. ''What's the good of having our fine missionaries working for such people all the day if you and I can't even be decently Christian.''

The Frowning Place

MY mother did the queerest thing—
You'd never, never guess—
She set aside a frowning place for me and Sister Bess.
''Because,'' she said, ''Your frowns
My dear, make such an awful mess.
They clutter up the living room, and dining room and hall
So badly, that the love and sunshine can't stay there at all.''

So when we feel like frowning, we must hurry right away
And go into our frowning place, and there we have to stay
Until our smiles come out again, then we go back to play.
Now did you ever hear about a frowning place before?
It's really just a corner back behind our pantry door!

—*Canadian Observer.*

"Sunbeam" Mission Band of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, the oldest Church on the mainland of British Columbia.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—The reports given by the Secretaries at the Presbyterial Executive were noted for their optimism. Mrs. George Rae made a fine address on ''Lessons Learned From the Report of the Two Spies,'' applying these lessons to our missionary cause.

Grace Church Auxiliary had the unique experience of having three missionaries present, Mrs. Craig, who spent some years in India, Mrs. C. P. Young, of India, and Rev. Mr. Cuthbertson and his wife from Japan. Mr. Cuthbertson made an address on missionary work and his experience in Japan, centering his remarks around the five words—Presbyterian, Grace, Formosa, Korea and Women, concluding his remarks with an appeal to the W.M.S. to carry on with renewed vigor, so that greater work may be accomplished for the Master.

Edmonton P.S. Executive, at the November meeting, welcomed Miss Jean Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary, also Mrs. A. K. Osburn and Mrs. C. E. Fisher, wives of ministers who have come to reside in the city.

A reception was held at the home of Mrs. William Lovegrove in honor of Miss Jean Cowan, when members of the Presbyterian girls' clubs of the city called.

Macleod P.S. semi-annual Executive meeting was held in Lethbridge with representatives from all Auxiliaries present. Much important business was considered and plans made for a definite line of work in the Auxiliaries.

The guest speaker at the Thank-offering of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Lethbridge, was Mrs. T. Frears, wife of the Baptist minister, who gave an interesting account of ''The Passion Play at Oberammergau'' which she had witnessed in 1930.

Red Deer P.S.—At the regular meeting of Red Deer W.M.S. the Society entertained the Home Helpers and the Mission Band, the members of the Mission Band putting on a missionary programme under the direction of their leader, Mrs. H. B. Maunsell. The Mission Band members and Girls' Groups also assisted in the Thank-offering programme at which Mrs. Allott was the speaker.

Mrs. Hugh Jack gave the address at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S. at Innisfail.

Miss Jean Cowan held a girls' rally in Red Deer, with girls from the

Willowdale Mission Field invited. Miss Cowan was also in Innisfail and told a story to the Mission Band, organized a Girls' Group in the afternoon and addressed a splendid gathering of the Young People in the evening.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S. has been fortunate in having Mrs. Chas. P. Young in their midst. She has been most generous with her services to the Auxiliaries. At the Thank-offering meetings of Mount Pleasant, Central and Robertson Churches she gave most interesting accounts of her work in India.

The Thank-offering meeting of Richmond Church had as guest speaker, Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Presbyterial President. The devotions were conducted by the Young People's Society.

At Fairview Church W.M.S. Thank-offering, the Mission Band contributed a short item. An interesting talk on India illustrated with pictures was given by Rev. Thomas Wilson.

At the meeting of the Y.W.M.S. of Central Church the devotional theme was ''Friendship''. Tribute was paid to the memory of Miss Alberta Malcolm. An interesting talk was given by Miss McIlwaine on her work among the Indians in Northern Canada since 1896.

Kootenay P.S.—The Auxiliary of Knox Church, Cranbrook, at a recent meeting recalled that this Society was organized thirty years ago last July. The meeting at which the organization took place was held at the home of Mrs. George Bremner, on July 10, 1902. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. W. S. W. Fortune; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. W. Tate; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. M. McInnis; Sec., Mrs. Geo. Bremner; Treas., Mrs. M. Barney. None of the charter members are living in Cranbrook at present. Mrs. D. Speers, who joined the Society in February, 1903, has been a faithful and active member for 29 years, and at the present time is the efficient Treasurer. Thank-offering meetings have been held in the Presbyterial, and the usual winter work is being carried on.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S. — Reports from Kamloops, Armstrong, Salmon Arm, and Penticton, tell of active work being done. The Thank-offering meetings were interesting and successful. In Penticton, the meetings took the form of an evening in China, pictures and curios being shown.

Miss Jean Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary, spent some time in British Columbia meeting with the organized girls' groups in Cranbrook, Kimberley, Penticton, Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and New Westminster. She was guest speaker at three rallies of 'teen-age girls—the Vancouver Presbyterian girls' rally in Mount Pleasant Church; the girls of the New Westminster groups, in St. Andrew's Church, and in Victoria.

The Presbyterian girls' leaders of Westminster Presbytery and others interested in the girls' work of the Presbyterian Church, met in Kerrisdale Church hall for a supper conference at which Miss Cowan led the discussions.

The first annual meeting of the Presbyterian Girls' Leaders' Council of Vancouver and New Westminster was held November 8th. The report of the past year's work was presented by the retiring Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Flora McMillan. Miss Sybil White, Provincial Girls' Organizations Secretary, presided at the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. J. D. Cunningham; Vice-president, Miss Muriel Harvie; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Moodie; Executive Member, Mrs. Innes Macdougall.

(Held over from December)

Westminster P.S.—Much interest was manifested in the annual rally of Westminster Presbyterial in Fairview Presbyterian Church, October 12th. The chair was occupied by Mrs. R. M. Thomson, in the absence, through illness, of the Provincial President, Mrs. Jas. Herd. The opening exercises were taken by Mrs. Wm. Cuthbert and Mrs. W. C. MacBeth. The plan for raising the W.M.S. gift of $25,000 toward the debt of the Church was presented in a brief and comprehensive manner by Mrs. Thos. Wilson. Then followed the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Chas. Young, of Central India, who gave interesting sketches of some of the missionaries on this field.

Fairview Auxiliary, in October, heard an interesting account of our mission field in British Guiana by Mrs. Orr. Rev. R. A. McConnell followed with a helpful message to the members.

We are glad to report that Point Grey Auxiliary has re-organized with Mrs. J. B. Currie as President, also the Mission Band under the leadership of Mrs. S. A. Middleton. The 'teen-age girls have organized a Girls' Guild with Mrs. Gear as leader. We shall be looking for great things from this Auxiliary.

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BRANDON P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, was held in November. Mrs. J. A. Gray, President, presided. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Kerr. Rev. H. M. Coulter, of Neepawa, addressed the meeting on the subject ''Why I Believe in Missions,'' and referred to the philanthropic, intellectual, commercial and Christian motives.

The Thank-offering service of St. Andrew's Church W.M.S., Brandon, was presided over by Mrs. J. Boyle, the President. Rev. W. J. Allen conducted the devotions. Mrs. G. W. Fergusson, the guest speaker, gave a most inspiring talk on ''Power, Faith and Thanksgiving.'' The offering, amounting to $19.55, was dedicated by Mrs. W. J. Allen.

Superior P.S. Executive was held in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. Reports were all very satisfactory, and lovely letters were received from different places where bales of clothing had been sent. The Society regrets very much the serious illness of the Treasurer, Mrs. Dean. Miss Stevenson was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Winnipeg P.S.—St. James' Church Auxiliary, Winnipeg, had as their speaker at their Thank-offering, Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, who gave a most interesting address on Thanksgiving. The Girl Guides and Mission Band contributed to the programme.

The ''Golden Sheaf'' Mission Band of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, held their Thank-offering meeting on Saturday. The Junior President presided. The Right Rev. Dr. Johnston, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, gave a very interesting address on ''The Importance of Mission Work in the Life of the Church.'' ''The Church, like the individual who receives everything and gives nothing away, was of no value either to itself or the world at large,'' he stated. The Mission Band furnished the music.

Miss Cowan spoke to a rally of the teen-age girls at St. John's Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg. The Girl Guides, of St. James Church, contributed to the musical part of the programme.

Members of Kildonan Presbyterian Church Mission Band met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sopola. The object was to bid farewell to Mrs. A. J. Sutherland and Mrs. J. Hart, who have been their leaders for a number of years. In the name of the Band, Miss Jean Sopola presented the former with a piece of china and the latter with a copy of ''The Book of Praise,'' after which tea was served.

Something to Remember

The faithful few at Crystal City, with no Auxiliary, sent in over $6.00 to the last Presbyterial meeting.

ONTARIO

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BARRIE P.S.—Miss Stringer was speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of Victoria Harbor Auxiliary, held at Sunday morning service. Two members prepare the programmes in this Auxiliary and intelligent use is made of the Study Book. The Mission Band bale was especially good and included quilts made by the Auxiliary.

Brockville P.S.—St. Andrew's Aux., Chesterville, entertained other Auxiliaries, assisted by the C.G.I.T. and Mission Band, Miss Stringer giving the address. A Presbyterial Mission Band rally, under the leadership of Miss Lois Percival, was held in Cardinal, all Bands taking part in the programme. Miss Pelton and Mrs. J. Riddell were speakers.

Chatham P.S. Executive regrets the moving away of three officers, Mrs. W. H. Turner, President, Mrs. Jamieson and Mrs. Barnett.

Thank-offering speakers include Mrs. David Ritchie, Point Edward, at First Church, Chatham, and Mr. G. F. MacDonald, noted historian, at the Bartlet Circle, St. Andrew's, Windsor. Excelsior Bible Class, Ridgetown, honored Mrs. Jas. Anderson, former *Glad Tidings* Secretary, with a presentation.

Orangeville P.S.—Miss Pelton was the speaker at well-attended Thank-offering meetings at Dundalk and Ventry. A Young Women's Auxiliary has been organized at Markdale. Great interest is being shown in the cent-a-week campaign.

Orangeville P.S.—At a full meeting of the Presbyterial Executive, Mrs. W. J. McCullough, Toronto, gave a report of the Provincial Board meeting. Mrs. J. B. Snyder, Dundalk, was appointed Press Secretary. At the September meeting of the ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band, Dundalk, a Testament was presented to nine very small members who memorized the 23rd Psalm.

Ottawa P.S.—More than 200 children, all wearing membership pins, attended the Mission Band rally at Erskine Church, Ottawa. Mrs. J. R. Hill conducted the roll call and addressed the children. Twenty-five Junior Certificates, seven blue seals, one silver seal, one gold seal, and one Life Membership were presented, presentations being made by Mrs. C. H. Thorburn and Rev. Dr. G. E. Ross.

Paris P.S.—The Diamond Jubilee of the North Formosa Mission was celebrated in Knox Church, Woodstock, with a programme sponsored by the ''Morningstar'' Mission Band, assisted by Mrs. R. C. Campbell. The hall was decorated with Chinese banners and Formosa curios. Miss M. H. Mackay, wearing a Formosa gown belonging to the late Mrs. G. L. Mackay, told of the origin and growth of the Mission founded by her uncle, George Leslie Mackay. Rev. E. G. Thompson spoke of the honor due to the memory and labors of this Zorra pioneer.

Peterborough P.S.—At the Warsaw Thank-offering Mrs. C. Tighe spoke on Thanksgiving. Mrs. W. R. Turner, Peterborough, addressed the meeting of Keene Auxiliary. St. Paul's Auxiliary, Peterborough, heard from Dr. C. M. Scott the story of his work as medical missionary for seventeen years in India.

Saugeen P.S.—Meetings at Drayton, Arthur and Moorefield were addressed by Mrs. W. J. McCullough, Toronto, and Miss Pelton was speaker at the other centres. Meetings were well attended and of great interest.

Saugeen P.S.—Miss A. Whatling, gave a vivid account of her work in India to the Durham Auxiliary on Sunday, October 23rd.

Toronto P.S.—Mission Band Rallies were held in 10 different centres —Port Credit, Streetsville, Nashville, Newmarket, Stouffville, Oshawa, and 4 city churches—Glenview, High Park, Knox, Emmanuel. Some 1,400 boys and girls answering the roll call at these Saturday afternoon meetings was inspiring. Speakers were: Miss Whatling, Miss Ada Adams, Mrs. W. R. Adamson, Mrs. E. Anderson, Mrs. J. Williams, Mrs. J. W. Dill, and the Mission Band Secretary, Mrs. E. F. Perry.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

MONTREAL P.S.—The regular meeting of the Executive was held in Knox-Crescent Church, on November 25th, the President, Mrs. A. W. Pae, presiding.

The devotional period was led by Mrs. Wm. Thomas, of Campbell Memorial Auxiliary. The attendance was largely representative of city Auxiliaries, Athelstan being the only out-of-town W.M.S. to send a delegate. All reports showed much activity and devoted service. A splendid spirit of enthusiasm is noted in the Young Women's and Girls' Groups. In the former, contacts made with missionaries in the foreign fields by correspondence, are found helpful and stimulating. Home Helpers reported visits made and mite boxes in active use. Boys and girls of the Mission Bands are enjoying the excellent lantern slides with lovely views of Formosa and India. A banner was presented to the Athelstan and Georgetown Band. The Supply Secretary reports many demands for clothing and an outfit provided for a pupil in Huntingdon School Residence. Five new groups have been formed in girls' work, 4 of these in First Church, Verdun, and one, with a membership of 20, in Georgetown; 14 groups are now actively at work in Verdun.

Nineteen Life Memberships (including 5 from Mission Bands), 4 Honorary, 3 In Memoriam, 3 Junior, 3 gold and 1 blue seal have been issued.

The Treasurer's Statement as from September is as follows: Auxiliaries $3,460, Young Women's Auxiliaries $290, Mission Bands $69, forwarded to Provincial Treasurer, to date, $10,450.

Mrs. L. E. Tranter was elected Secretary for Young Women, replacing Mrs. J. Forbes Fowlie, who has removed from the city. Mrs. I. C .Sharp, Provincial President, brought the findings of the Council Executive regarding the 1933 estimates.

Mr. J. G. Pelton addressed the meeting on ''The Budget of the Church,'' and Miss Lamont spoke briefly on the great need of prayer, strongly urging the formation of a Prayer Circle in connection with each Auxiliary. Following the singing of a hymn, Mrs. Pae offered the closing prayer.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

REGINA P.S.—The W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Regina, is arranging a devotional programme to carry through till June, the topics being characteristics necessary in members of the W.M.S. of to-day, illustrated by the Bible women of long ago. Introductory to the study of India, the Auxiliary has had two very interesting papers, one on Vedic India, and one on Buddha.

The 'teen-age girls of Eastview S.S. spent an evening with Miss Cowan, Girls' Work Secretary, at the home of the Secretary, Miss Horne. They learned some of the songs, and Miss Cowan demonstrated the C.G.I.T. camp fire ceremony and spoke to the girls of girls' camps and summer schools. Everybody hopes to go to one or the other next summer.

Moose Jaw P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. of Knox Church, Moose Jaw, lantern slides on ''Formosa, the Gem of the Orient'' were shown. Rev. A. Dawson gave a talk explaining the slides which featured the Diamond Jubilee of the missionary work begun in Formosa by Rev. George Leslie Mackay.

At St. Paul's Thank-offering, Mrs. D. C. Munro spoke on our ''Mission work in Gwalior,'' and Rev. A. Davison, on ''The Religions in India.''

The ''Light Bearers'' Mission Band, Briercrest, had an open meeting when they put on a sacred concert. After the different numbers by the members of the Band, they showed the set of missionary slides, ''The Work of Our Church at Home and Abroad.'' This was very much enjoyed. A freewill offering was taken.

Saskatoon P.S.—Rev. Canon Armitage, of the Anglican Church, Saskatoon, addressed the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's Church at their Thank-offering meeting. Rev. W. G. Brown gave an address on the ''Work in the Maritime Provinces'' at the previous meeting.

Parkview W.M.S. enjoyed an address by Mrs. W. G. Brown, on her trip to the Orient.

Mrs. E. Early, Student Secretary, at a meeting of the Presbyterial, appealed to the members on behalf of the girl students away from home, who find it lonely in the city. At the next meeting, several members reported opening their homes to these students and strangers.

Treasurer's Statement

November 30th, 1932

RECEIPTS	
A Friend, “Relief work in the West”	$ 5.00
A Friend, ‘Relief work in the West”	10.20
A Friend, “Chinese work in Toronto”	40.00
Erskine Church Hamilton, Miss Soutar's work in India	76.00
Government Grant for Mistawasis Indian School	67.50
Legacy from the Estate of Mrs. Dora G. Pegler through Knox Auxiliary, St. Thomas, Ont.	100.00
Refund from Quebec Advisory Committee	43.00
Refund from Student work	5.60
Refund on Lantern Slides	.35
Refund from Dr. McBean	11.57
Rent of House at Vegreville, Alta.	30.00
Pensions received from workers	29.28
Interest	545.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
British Columbia	715.00
Manitoba	655.00
Ontario	18.000.00
Quebec	1,950.00
Saskatchewan	550.00
	$22,833.50

DISBURSEMENTS	
South Porcupine Hospital	$ 315.00
Canora Hospital	1,014.72
Vegreville Hospital	615.00
Chinese in Canada	676.50
Work at Fort McMurray	125.00
“Cecilia Jeffrey” Indian Residential School	681.31
Birtle Indian Residential School	676.22
Mistawasis Indian School	132.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	108.32
New Liskeard	66.66
Saskatoon	164.16
Prince Albert	83.32
Vegreville	492.63
Welcome and Welfare	1,468.26
Library	34.95
Publications	884.16
Organization	467.66
Pensions	91.66
Japan	1,671.04
Formosa	520.80
India, Bhil Field	433.33
India, Jhansi	170.00
Supplies	262.22
Western Relief	15.54
Maintain and Build the Church Campaign	4.03
Exchange	8.17
Administration	500.78
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The 1933 Estimates

Mrs. R. C. Donald, Finance Secretary

IN presenting our Estimates for 1933 the Council Executive felt that some explanation was necessary and, as Finance Secretary, I have been asked to include this in my statement.

You will notice that in place of $190,000.00, which was the amount set by Council last May, the Budget for 1933 has been reduced by 10% and now stands at $171,000.00.

The decision to make this cut, which was recommended by your Finance Committee, and agreed to by the Council Executive, was only arrived at after very serious and prayerful consideration and was deeply regretted by all. Before deciding on this action, the President of each Province was consulted and, with one exception, all agreed.

We have heard the remark, that if $171,000.00 will finance our work, Council has been asking the Society for more than was necessary. That of course is not correct, as the work we planned for required $190,000.00. But for the last two years we have not received that amount, in 1931, even including $9,000.00 in Legacies, our receipts were only $183,883.85, and from reports up until the present we are going to fall far short of that in 1932.

What your Finance Committee feels is that, if we can, without curtailing our established work, reduce the Estimates to an amount which our women can and will raise, it would be stronger than aiming at a larger amount and falling as far short as we are doing.

Now I want to say that in making this large reduction, we have not endangered the efficient carrying on of any of our work, at present, and if some of the estimates for the maintenance, etc., of our Hospitals and Residences are lower than formerly, it is owing to the really wonderful economy practised by our Superintendents and their staffs.

In our National work, the closing of our little Hospital at Fort McMurray meant a saving of $2,000.00 and Overseas, the unavoidable, and we hope only temporary withdrawal from Manchuria, accounts for $3,000.00, and as our work there has been so interrupted for some time, we have between $2,000.00 and $3,000.00 to our credit in the bank at

Shanghai—this is to be used towards financing the work in South China. As you see none of this is in any way endangering the efficient carrying on of our work.

We come now to the reduction which has hurt us all very much and which, I am sure, the whole Society will keenly regret.

It was decided that for 1933 there could not be any *normal increases* in the salaries of our national and overseas missionaries and, trying to be fair to all, a motion was passed by the Executive, that all salaries should revert to the amount they stood at in December, 1931. The amount thus saved while comparatively small, will mean real hardship to our workers, who at the best are so inadequately paid for their hard work and great self sacrifice.

I will not say more of this as I know our Treasurer will have much to tell you in the March issue, of the splendid and loyal spirit shown by all, in accepting this reduction.

Our other large cuts were made by estimating only $100.00 for the Student Department, a saving of $1,000.00, and reducing the Organization by $1,500.00, as one of our Field Secretaries is only to work part time. There have been many cuts of from $50.00 up and, as you will notice, we have a very small and quite inadequate General Contingency. Besides all this, we have not allowed for any improvement or expansion in our work.

As you know we have for several years been praying for University graduates, and medical women. Now we have both applying for work overseas, and, at present, we do not see any hope of being able to send them.

Also the estimates of $1,500.00 to begin the much needed Nurses' Training Home at Jobat and $3,500.00 for building part of the Girls' Hostel at Jhansi have had to be cut out. These buildings are so badly needed that we hope the way will soon open for, at least, beginning them.

I am sorry to be writing at such length about this, but the Council Executive is very anxious that our members should understand the necessity for the 10% reduction and the way in which it has been accomplished. They also want all to realize the self-sacrifice on the part of our missionaries, both National and Overseas, as regards the cut in their salaries, and the economy that must be practised in carrying on their work.

We feel confident that every member of the W.M.S. will do her utmost to exceed the allocation, when our first duty will be to restore the salaries of our workers.

W. M. S. ESTIMATES FOR 1933

NATIONAL MISSIONS

HOSPITALS

South Porcupine, Ont.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Two Nurses' Salaries	1,800.00	
Insurance	208.50	
Relief Nurse	225.00	
Maintenance	500.00	
Repairs	100.00	
		$4,033.50

"Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,250.00	
Senior Nurse's Salary	950.00	
Two Nurses' Salaries	1,800.00	
Relief Nurse	300.00	
Steam Boiler	150.00	
Coal	2,500.00	
Maintenance	1,800.00	
Repairs	200.00	
Insurance	160.00	
		$9,110.00

"Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.—

Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Two Nurses' Salaries	1,680.00	
Relief Nurses	225.00	
Repairs	200.00	
Insurance	262.50	
		$3,567.50
		$16,711.00

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal, Que.—

Miss Agnes I. Dickson, Salary	$1,000.00	
Expenses and Room Rent	480.00	
Travelling and Substitute	140.00	
Miss Hattie Jue, Salary	770.00	
Mrs. J. Herman, Salary (part time)	420.00	
Equipment	30.00	
Rent to Y.M.C.I.	175.00	
		$3,015.00

Brockville, Ont.—

Miss H. W. Davies, Honorarium and Expenses		$250.00

Toronto, Ont.—

Superintendent's Salary (when appointed)	$500.00	
Expenses and Supplies	200.00	
Rent to Y.M.C.I.	300.00	
Miss Lambert, Salary (part time)	240.00	
Mrs. Ma, Honorarium	240.00	

Bible Vacation School	20.00	
Miss Lily Yeung, Salary	600.00	
	$2,100.00	
Less Amount Received as Special Gift	240.00	
		$1,860.00
Vancouver, B.C.—		
Miss Ruth Yeandle, Salary	$960.00	
Mrs. G. P. Louie, Salary	720.00	
Supplies and Expenses for Two Workers	170.00	
Rent to Chinese Presbyterian Church	200.00	
		$2,050.00
Victoria, B.C.—		
Miss G. Scott, Salary	$1,060.00	
Miss Grace Lee, Salary	840.00	
Expenses and Supplies	25.00	
		$1,925.00
General Contingency		100.00
		$9,200.00

EDUCATIONAL—PRESBYTERIAN RESIDENCES

New Liskeard, Ont.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$800.00	
Taxes	350.00	
Fuel Allowance	200.00	
Repairs	125.00	
		$1,475.00
Saskatoon, Sask.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Assistant's Salary	770.00	
Maintenance	1,000.00	
Insurance	493.30	
		$3,463.30
Huntingdon, Que.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$950.00	
Fuel	500.00	
Repairs	50.00	
School Fees	200.00	
Isolation Room Rent	50.00	
Insurance	69.00	
		$1,819.00
Prince Albert, Sask.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$770.00	
Taxes	250.00	
Fuel	225.00	
Repairs	50.00	
House Help	200.00	
		$1,495.00
Vegreville, Alta.—		
Superintendent's Salary	$1,200.00	
Matron of Girls' Home, Salary	850.00	
House Help	480.00	
Fuel	700.00	

Taxes		875.00	
Repairs		200.00	
Insurance		105.00	
Maintenance	$2,000.00		
Less Probable Receipts from Pupils	1,000.00		
		$1,000.00	
			$5,410.00
			$13,662.30

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

Birtle, Man.—

Principal's Salary	$1,600.00	
Matron's Salary	850.00	
Two Teachers' Salaries	1,490.00	
Assistant Matrons (two) Salaries	1,150.00	
Laundress Salary	500.00	
Nurse's Salary	500.00	
Engineer's Salary	600.00	
Water, Light, Fuel	1,060.00	
Contingency	64.00	
Taxes on Farm	56.20	
		$7,870.20

Mistawasis, Sask.—

Teacher's Salary (Paid by Government)	....	
Board of Children	$250.00	
Maintenance and Fuel	350.00	
Contingency	200.00	
		$800.00

"Cecilia Jeffrey," Kenora, Ont.—

Principal's Salary	$1,500.00	
Matron's Salary	750.00	
Nurse's Salary	720.00	
Three Teachers' Salaries	2,210.00	
Sewing Matron's Salary	500.00	
Engineer's Salary	720.00	
Water, Light, Fuel	1,225.00	
Contingency	275.00	
		$7,900.00
Insurance on Old School Building	$177.50	
Indian Chiefs	20.00	
		$197.50
		$16,767.70
Additional probable Per Capita Grant from Department of Indian Affairs		$32,000.00

WELCOME AND WELFARE AND DEACONESS DEPARTMENT

Toronto, Ont.—

Miss M. Walker, Salary (Jewish Work)	$ 960.00
Equipment	15.00
Miss Mary Murray, Salary (Hospital Work)	1,210.00
Expenses	120.00
Mrs. Steinmetz, Salary (part time) (Hungarian Work)	480.00

Expenses	60.00	
Miss Maystrowich, Salary (Ukrainian Work)	960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$3,925.00
Hamilton, Ont.—		
Miss M. Allan, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	120.00	
Mrs. Kovacs, Salary (part time) (Hungarian Work)	480.00	
Expenses	60.00	
		$1,720.00
Ottawa, Ont.—		
Miss Mary Hugill, Salary	$1,210.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,330.00
Montreal, Que.—		
Miss Iris Munro, Salary	$1,060.00	
Expenses	145.00	
		$1,205.00
Quebec, Que.—		
Miss R. R. Scott (Honorarium)	$300.00	
Expenses	50.00	
		$350.00
Winnipeg, Man.—		
Miss Mary Todd, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,080.00
East Selkirk, Man.—		
Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, Salary	$1,010.00	
Expenses and Fuel	500.00	
		$1,510.00
Gonor, Man.—		
Mrs. MacKenzie, Salary		$1,300.00
Saskatoon, Sask.—		
Miss Helen Ross, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,080.00
Regina, Sask.—		
Miss L. Macarthur, Salary	$1,210.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,330.00
Red Deer, Alta.—		
Miss Frieda Matthews, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses (Transportation, etc.)	300.00	
		$1,260.00
Vancouver, B.C.—		
Miss Margaret Grigor, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	120.00	
		$1,080.00
British Columbia—		
Mrs. J. F. McLean, Salary	$1,010.00	
Expenses and Travel	150.00	
		$1,160.00

Peace River District—

Miss Hazel Macdonald, Salary	$960.00	
Expenses	720.00	
		$1,680.00
Grant to Fresh Air Camp		100.00
Contingency		300.00
		$20,410.00
Grant from Board of Missions to be applied to the Estimates for East Selkirk and Peace River District		1,040.00
		$19,370.00

SUPPLIES

Department Expenditure	$2,000.00
TOTAL OF NATIONAL MISSIONS	$77,711.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

INDIA

Bhil Field

Salaries—

Miss Bertha Robson	$1,000.00	
Miss Christine Maxwell	900.00	
Miss Isabel McConnell	800.00	
Miss Marion Williamson	800.00	
Miss Ellen Douglas	650.00	
Miss Mildred Soutar	650.00	
Miss Iris Errey	650.00	
Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy	650.00	
	$6,100.00	
Evangelistic	$1,168.00	
Educational	4,590.00	
Medical	2,960.00	
Miscellaneous, Repairs, Furnishings, etc.	1,000.00	
Vacation Allowances	375.00	
Language Study	300.00	
		$16,493.00

Jhansi

Salaries—

Miss Irene Stringer	$900.00
Miss Annie Lee Whatling	900.00
Miss Lily A. Simpson	800.00
Miss Catherine Moodie	650.00
Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott	800.00
Miss Eleanor McKechnie	650.00
	$4,700.00
Educational	3,564.00
Evangelistic and Orphanage	1,305.00
Language Study	240.00

Medical	1,000.00	
Vacation Allowances	300.00	
Repairs, Taxes and Itinerating	800.00	
Furlough, Travel Return for Miss Whatling and Miss Stringer	1,200.00	
Furlough, Travel—Miss Simpson	600.00	
		$13,709.00
Ludhiana Medical College		50.00
St. Christopher's Training School		100.00
		$30,352.00

FORMOSA

Salaries—		
Miss Anne Senior	$900.00	
Miss Alma Burdick	800.00	
Miss Ada Adams	800.00	
Miss Dorothy Douglas	800.00	
Miss Margaret Ramsay	800.00	
Miss Ethel Chisholm	800.00	
Miss Isabel Taylor	650.00	
Miss Hildur Hermanson	650.00	
Miss Mary McVey	650.00	
Miss Phyllis Argall	800.00	
Mrs. Koa (Special Worker)	650.00	
		$8,300.00
Evangelistic—		
Bible Women	$600.00	
Travel on Field	400.00	
		$1,000.00
Educational—		
Girls' School, Maintenance	$4,000.00	
Women's School, Maintenance	800.00	
Kindergarten, Maintenance	1,200.00	
		$6,000.00
Medical		800.00
Miscellaneous—		
Language Teachers	$800.00	
Stationery and Postage	25.00	
Maintenance W.M.S. Property	1,500.00	
Rents, Taxes, House Furnishings	600.00	
Vacation Allowances (8)	600.00	
Furlough Travel	400.00	
		$3,925.00
		$20,025.00

Chapel in Leprosy Colony (Second Instalment met from Legacy Fund, $1,000.00).

CHINA

Manchuria

Bible Women	$400.00	
Christian Literature	100.00	
		$500.00

Shanghai

Grant to Christian Literature Society	50.00

South China

Dr. Jessie MacBean, Salary	$1,000.00	
Grant to Hackett Medical College	1,000.00	
Furlough Travel, Return	500.00	
		$2,500.00
Grant to Evangelistic Work under Church of Christ in China		1,000.00
		$4,050.00
To be paid on the Field		2,550.00
		$1,500.00

JAPAN

Salaries—			
Miss Jean C. McLean	$950.00		
Miss Mary E. Anderson	800.00		
		$1,750.00	
Bible Women for Misses Anderson and McLean		720.00	
Vacation Allowances		150.00	
Field Travel		200.00	
Bible Women		1,700.00	
Kindergartens		1,500.00	
Assistance, Students in Training for Bible Women		150.00	
Rent		90.00	
Tracts and Bible Vacation School		200.00	
Medical		100.00	
		$6,560.00	
House Rent from Eastern Division (probable)		360.00	
			$6,200.00

BRITISH GUIANA

Provisional Estimate	$1,000.00
TOTAL OF OVERSEAS MISSIONS	$59,077.00

PUBLICATIONS

Literature and "Glad Tidings"

Salaries	$5,900.00	
Office Rent (part)	1,472.00	
New Publications	300.00	
Annual Reports, Printing and Mailing	1,600.00	
Departmental Tabulated Forms	215.00	
Publications and "Glad Tidings" Supplied to Missionaries	275.00	
		$9,762.00

ORGANIZATION

Field Secretaries—			
Miss Pelton (seven months)	$ 759.00		
Miss Lamont	1,300.00		
		$2,059.00	
Field Secretaries, Travel—			
Miss Pelton (seven months)	$600.00		
Miss Lamont	900.00		
		$1,500.00	
Girls' Work Secretary (part year)		$600.00	
Travel and Other Expenses		250.00	
Presbyterian Girls' Camps		150.00	
Deputation Work—Contingency		500.00	
		$5,059.00	
Travelling Expenses, Presbyterial Executives		585.00	
			$5,644.00

STUDENT

Department Expenditure	$100.00

CANDIDATES

Department Expenses	250.00

LANTERN SLIDES

Boxes, Slides, Prints, Express, etc., ⅓ Expense of Assembly's Committee	150.00

LIBRARY

Department Expenses	$300.00	
Grant to Hungarian Literature	120.00	
Grant to Chinese Literature	20.00	
		$440.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Exchange	$4,000.00	
Interdenominational Christian Literature	250.00	
Canadian School of Missions	525.00	
Federated Fees	225.00	
Grant to Knox College	100.00	
Grant to Deaconess Home	100.00	
Deputation Work	600.00	
Church Extension	1,000.00	
Pensions, W.M.S. Workers	2,000.00	
Enlarged Council Executive Meeting	1,200.00	
		$10,000.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries	$3,804.00	
Rent (part)	1,472.00	
Auditing	250.00	
General Expenses	1,200.00	
		$6,726.00

SUMMARY

National Missions	$77,711.00
Overseas Missions	59,077.00
Publications	9,762.00
Organization	5,644.00
Student	100.00
Candidates	250.00
Lantern Slides	150.00
Library	440.00
Miscellaneous	10,000.00
Administration	6,726.00
General Contingency	1,140.00
	$171,000.00

Editorial

World Day of Prayer

FRIDAY, March 3rd, will see the observance of the World Day of Prayer. There is something inspiring in the mere thought that, on that day, we may have fellowship with the women of virtually every country under the sun who love Christ and seek to establish His Kingdom throughout all the earth. Not for one brief hour will voices arise to the Father for guidance in the solving of the great problems of the world, but from sunrise to sunset, for forty-eight hours, the prayers of devoted women will arise to the throne of God.

It has been said that ''there is nothing that prayer may not reach. For there is nothing that God may not reach, and prayer, as has often been said, releases the energies of God. ''If ye ask, I will do,'' said the Lord Jesus Christ and the converse is true: if we do not ask, He will not do. There is no limit to that which He can do and will do in answer to believing prayer, offered in the name of His Son, when it is according to His will.

The great missionary undertakings of the Church depend upon those at the home base to support them by prayer, and when the workers realize that for this one day they are joining with a mighty company of believers all over the world it gives them a new strength.

The Day of Prayer has become an interdenominational, international and inter-racial Day. Programmes prepared by persons of different races and countries are sent out to groups all over the world where they are translated and rearranged to meet the local needs. The observance of this day is a demonstration of the growing world fellowship in faith and prayer. The extent and significance of the observance of this Day and the spirit and reality of the services held the world over last February, are evident in the reports which have found their way into print, from which we quote the following:

''In Fiji it was an unheard of thing that women should conduct prayer meetings on their own initiative. In some cases the native ministers conducted the meetings. In one village the young men prepared refreshments for the women—a strange reversal of the usual order of things. The Fijian women had a soul-stirring time. 'They all felt that a new day had dawned for the women in Fiji.' ''

''A church near the University of Puerto Rico opened its doors that students of any faith might unite with the Christian women of the world on this their day of prayer. The programme had been prepared by India and Old Mexico, and Spanish voices bathed the shores of heaven with wave after wave of prayer for China, for the Disarmament Conference then in session, for exploited peoples, for cleansing from all race prejudice, and for Christians everywhere.''

''In the Belgian Congo the missionary was called to the meeting for prayer and praise at 5 a.m. He found the church well filled with men, women, boys and girls; and they lingered until 6.30 in prayer and worshipful hymns. There were 438 at the meeting and they went forth to invite their friends to another prayer service at the regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor at 7 p.m.''

''In Persia, the wife of the Assyrian pastor was the moving spirit in Kermanshah's first observance of the Day of Prayer. When she was a school girl in West Persia, one of the missionaries had arranged a local day of prayer. She never forgot it, and the idea of a World Day of Prayer thrilled her. There were over a hundred women at both the morning and afternoon services which she planned. At the close of the services several asked that a kind of 'cottage prayer meeting' be arranged when women living on one street would meet weekly in different homes to learn to pray.''

''In Angola, Portugese West Africa, the programme was translated into the native language. The women came from eleven villages nearby, so they could return home the same day.''

In Scotland, through the efforts of Mrs. Mary Grace Forgan, they have established an Interdenominational Committee who are preparing the Day of Prayer programme on the same theme—''Follow Me.''

In London, England, there has also been established, through the efforts of Miss K. Mathews, Secretary of the Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church of England, an Interdenominational Committee.

New Zealand and Australia report that Interdenominational Committees are being formed and that there is a growing observance of the Day of Prayer.

In Canada, last year, more communities participated than ever before. Here and there little groups of isolated women, 5 or 10 in number, met in homes and, here and there, one woman followed the programme through quite alone. With a programme specially adapted to their use, scores of Young Women and Girls' Groups held their meetings. This year the same provision has been made, and a programme suitable for the use of young women and girls appear in this issue, as well as that for Auxiliary women.

The Moderator Visits the Council Executive

THE Council Executive has been greatly honored by a visit from the honored head of the highest court of our Church, the Very Reverend Robert Johnston, D.D., the Moderator. Dr. Johnston conducted the devotional service and, at the close, spoke briefly and with great optimism of his trip to western Canada and the work in general as he saw it. ''From the head of the Lakes to the Pacific Coast there are strong congregations in the big centres. Presbyterianism suits the West. It has strength and virility.'' The Moderator told of a young man in third year Arts who knows of thirty-seven men who are studying for the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and the plea of the Moderator was for more young men for the ministry, and colleges properly staffed—for the colleges are the soul of the Church. He also voiced his conviction that the mission work in Canada is worth while and that Home and Foreign work is complementary.

A Beloved Secretary Passes

A SINGULARLY beautiful life and one marked by faith and faithfulness, closed on January 1st, when Miss Annie Hamilton Gowans, former Council Secretary for Manchuria and South China, passed quietly away. Miss Gowans was an outstanding woman in missionary service, having been, for almost forty years, a missionary in China. She served for a brief period under the Christian Missionary Alliance, then under the American Presbyterian Board, the Canadian Presbyterian Board, to whom she first applied, not being able, to their great regret, to send her out at that time. On retirement from active missionary work Miss Gowans returned to Toronto and for four years was a valued and devoted Secretary of the Council Executive, her wide knowledge and experience making her invaluable when puzzling problems in China, or in connection with the Chinese work in Canada arose.

The following resolution, for insertion in the minute book of the Society, was presented to the Council Executive, the members standing to receive it:

> Inasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His infinite goodness and mercy, to take unto Himself the soul of our dear sister, Miss Annie

Hamilton Gowans, for a number of years a devoted member of our Council Executive, we desire to place on record our deep sense of loss, but also would we offer to God our thanksgiving for the gift of her life, consecrated as it was from her earliest years to His service.

Miss Gowans' life work was in China, but it is impossible to measure her influence amongst young and old in Canada, before going abroad as missionary, and during the few years remaining after her return. When nearly forty years ago she left Canada, the difficulties ahead seemed almost insuperable. But ''in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by the heathen'' she passed on her triumphant way, ever persuaded that none of these things could separate her from the love and care of God, Whose she was and Whom she served.

As teacher, evangelist and organizer of relief work in famine, as friend and counsellor and helper of the great in the land, as of the least, as beloved and valued friend of every missionary and of their children, Miss Gowans lived her radiant life. Now that she has finished her course we have no difficulty in believing in the return of that pure spirit unto God, Who gave it.

''Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.''

To her sisters and brother, so sorely bereaved, to the American Presbyterian Board of Missions, under which she served so long, and to the great number of those ''other sheep'' for whose bringing into the fold of the Shepherd, she spent herself, we would express our deepest sympathy. We rejoice with them in that ''sure and certain hope of the resurrection to Eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ.''

''And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.''

OUR sympathy goes out in full measure to Mrs. D. Inglis Grant, our beloved Candidates Secretary, in the death of her husband, the Honorable David Inglis Grant, Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, who passed away on January 1st. In the death of Mr. Justice Grant, Canada loses an outstanding son, the bench a distinguished jurist, the Presbyterian Church a staunch and life long supporter, and the W.M.S. a true friend. In her sorrow, Mrs. Grant has the sympathy not only of her co-workers but also of the hundreds of young people, some in foreign fields, some in Canada, others preparing for service, who have sought her help, guidance and advice about their life work and who pray with us that the God of all comfort may grant her and her son abundant consolation.

LOYALTY has ever marked the service of our Board Secretaries and Mrs. J. Jones Bell, of Ottawa, who recently passed away, was counted among one of the most faithful. Thirty-six years ago Mrs. Bell became a member of what was then the W.F.M.S., serving as Foreign Secretary for India and Formosa from 1899-1908, and as Secretary for India from 1909 until the amalgamation, in 1914, when she became Literature Secretary on the Provincial Board, a post she retained until 1925. There is nothing greater than simple faithfulness and we believe Mrs. Bell has heard her Lord's well done, good and faithful servant.

MRS. STEINMETZ, better known as Miss Beatrice Bernath, a Hungarian by birth, and wife of Mr. Steinmetz, who is studying at Knox College for the ministry of our Church, has been appointed by the W.M.S. as a half-time worker among the Hungarian people in Toronto.

It is surely a matter for deep gratitude that, in this time of unrest and distress, our Church has such splendid representatives as Mrs. Steinmetz working among the Hungarians and Miss Julia Maystrowich among the Ukrainian women and children in Toronto.

IT is with sincere regret that we have to announce that Miss Luella I. Crockett, who has rendered such quiet and efficient service for the past thirteen years, first in South China then in Manchuria, has retired from our staff in Manchuria. This leaves the W.M.S. without a representative in that great and needy field. Miss Crockett is at present in Peking. Our hope is that our constituency will realize that because of war conditions it will be impossible for us to send other workers there at present, but our prayer is that when the war is at an end work will, once more, be resumed.

MISS FRIEDA MATTHEWS has been appointed deaconess-at-large in the Red River District, in fulfilment of our promise that the next appointment of a worker would be to Alberta. This has been made possible by the release of the salary of the teacher at our Vegreville Residences. The public school there can now accommodate all our pupils so a special teacher is not necessary. The action of the Vegreville School Board in appointing Miss McLeod on the public school staff is a tribute to the ability of our teacher. Miss McLeod's removal from Vegreville would have been a distinct loss to our Church and we rejoice that she is remaining where her influence is needed.

THANK YOU ALL

Is the message that Principal and Mrs. Currie of the Indian Residential School, Birtle, wish to convey to those Presbyterials who sent them the splendid bales.

The Home Helper Department

Mrs. James Logie, Council Secretary for Home Helpers

THE Home Helper Department provides a way by which every woman can have a share in our W.M.S. even though her home or other duties claim her time and attention and prevent her attending meetings. There is no fee. Her pledge of membership is *prayer* and giving ''according as the Lord has prospered her.''

It is said that most of the big concerns start from small beginnings and this Department is no exception to the rule. It was begun with much prayer and thoughtful consideration about twenty-five years ago, and we have watched our little plant take root, blossom, and throw out new shoots and fruitful branches, year by year, throughout our Society, till it has become a great force, the influence of which is far reaching.

This Department is also a recruiting ground for Auxiliary members. As conditions change and the Home Helper finds herself free to attend meetings, she naturally becomes a regular member and every year hundreds of Home Helpers become active members and are rendering a willing service in this great cause.

Many Home Helpers contribute liberally to our funds. Last year the contributions from the 8,557 members totalled $12,249.21. Some givings are small, and there are others who can give nothing but their prayers. We value all such and our hearts go out to those quiet workers, especially those in isolated places. We think of many parts of the west where distances are so great and the work difficult, and we appreciate what our Secretaries are doing in this important branch of our Society.

Value of the Home Helper Department

Mrs. J. E. Langford, Ontario Provincial Home Helper Secretary

THERE is no age limit, no fee, no voting power for members of the Home Helper Department; but a blessed fellowship of prayer, a reaching out, from the seclusion of the home to far fields brought nigh by the perusal of the *Glad Tidings*, a kindling of enthusiasm for missions from contact with members of the Women's Missionary Society, often a spirit of sacrifice in the gifts given, a joy in the fact that there is a place of usefulness even though old age and infirmity have overtaken one. Such is the Home Helper Department.

Who can compute the value of those quiet hours of study in the home, or of story-telling to the children? How comes the dawning of a new vision of a needy world; of the One who alone can meet that need? How is the desire to help born in the soul? Back of all must be prayer, on the part of those who carry on this work. Prayer, our mightiest weapon, will open hearts, homes and purses. Neither must we shirk hard work. If we want to see the Home Helper Department grow we must both work and pray. Like Nehemiah, we must be so enamored of our task that our enthusiasm will spread to others so that they will have a mind to work.

Home Helpers are an asset to our Society. They wield the Dorcas needle liberally. Since the organization of this Department seventeen years ago, Home Helpers, of Ontario alone, have contributed $168,276.00 to our treasury. Eternity alone will reveal the value of their prayers.

From the seclusion of the home comes a silent appeal for understanding and sympathy. How shall we reply to this appeal in 1933?

HOME HELPER HINTS

Extracts from Letters

"EVERY active member was asked to adopt one lady in the church as a Home Helper, visit her, give her the *Glad Tidings*, invite her to special meetings and look after her generally."

" 'Teen-age girls collected mite-boxes quarterly. In one year they brought the number of Home Helpers up from 16 to 60 and the givings increased 50 per cent."

"In Hamilton, 160 visits were made by one lady and prayer was offered in every home."

"Several Home Helper groups were organized into a Women's Missionary Society."

"Each collector, some time during the year, entertained those on her visiting list."

"Many people think the Home Helper Department is only for the aged and infirm, but it is not a Senate Chamber. We have several hundred children as Home Helpers, many young mothers, business and professional girls and women, *a few men*, as well as the shut-ins."

"The Home Helper Department is a recruiting ground for new members for the W.M.S. It is a Power House of Intercession and a resting place for retired warriors."

"Home Helpers make many quilts, rugs, layettes, and knitted things. They often make some one a Life Member. They ought to be entertained at least once a year to a picnic, reception, lantern lecture or something of the sort."

"In many Societies we have kept track of Home Helpers' birthdays and when their month comes round, we ask for their favorite hymn, sing it at our meeting, congratulate them, thank them and read Numbers 6: 24-26."

"The Home Helper Department was organized in 1915 and grew steadily in membership and contributions. From 1915 to 1924 the givings amounted to $100,554.71. The Union made terrific onslaught on this Department, but in the seven years since Union we have raised $57,721.35.

For 1924, membership was 11,614, givings $15,982.50.
For 1925, membership was 4.418, givings 4,920.50.
For 1931, membership was 6,141, givings 8,381.36.

''Miss Agnes Tolmie, Southampton, (Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial) is the only Home Helper Secretary who has held office continuously since 1915, when this Department was organized.''

Why Do Not More Members of Our Auxiliary Attend the W. M. S. Monthly Meeting?

An address given by Mrs. Owen Campbell, Quebec Provincial Home Helper Secretary

WHY is it that a comparatively small proportion of the Christian womanhood of our Church and nominally, members of our Auxiliaries, attend the monthly meeting of the Women's Missionary Society?

1. Lack of interest *in* Missions
2. Lack of knowledge *about* Missions
3. Lack of time to attend the meetings.

First, *Lack of interest in Missions:*

Many times good women have said to me, ''You see, I am not really interested in Missions, we have so much work in our Church just to keep things going, I help in the Ladies' Aid, and I sing in the choir, and my husband gives generously, and anyhow, Missions some way do not appeal to me.''

Secondly, *Lack of knowledge of Missions:*

''I don't know much about Missions, I think it is all right to support these places, especially in our own land, I'm not a great one for Foreign Missions anyway, but I don't know enough about the work to express an opinion.''

Thirdly, *Lack of Time:*

''Oh, the Monthly Missionary Meeting, I suppose I ought to go once in a while, but, honestly, I just don't see how I can squeeze in one *more* meeting of any kind. Between my home (I do all my own work), and the family, the little Bridge Club once a week, the Women's Institute and the Rebekahs I'm just driven off my feet. Oh, I know I ought to go oftener but I always send my collection and I do take the *Glad Tidings* and if every one gave as regularly as I do there wouldn't have to be all those begging sermons and constant appeals''—and so on.

There is just *one* reason why our members do not attend the missionary meeting and that is, lack of zeal for, and of loving, genuine interest *in* the achieving of the greatest aim of any life, namely, to win the world for Christ. Long since I discovered this fact about women—what we are interested in, what we love to do, what we feel we will get joy out of doing that we will do. Time fails me to enlarge on, or try to prove this statement. Just ask yourselves the question and note where your interests lie from day to day. Now, lest I be misunderstood by any who argue thus—''Oh, I would love to go to the meetings, but I cannot possibly for I have sickness in the home,'' ''I have a tiny wee baby,'' ''I have aged parents who cannot be left alone for an hour,'' ''the distance is so great and I cannot run the car,'' ''I am too old and feeble now but I miss the meetings.'' To all these and any other reasonable and legitimate excuses my reply is—this address is not intended to reprove or censure, but to stimulate and, if possible, to convince our members of the responsibility and the privilege that is theirs. Our W.M.S. provides a way and has devised a fine method to induce the sympathy and support of every woman.

Our beloved W.M.S. begins the education of its members in missions, at the very foundation. We have the cradle roll, the Mission Band, Girls' Organizations, the Young Women's Auxiliaries, the Home Helper Department and the Auxiliary.

The Home Helper Department is intended for four classes in our churches:

1. The young mother with very small children who can but rarely attend the regular Auxiliary.

2. The business girl whose hours make it very difficult, if not impossible, for her to come to an afternoon meeting.

3. The ''shut-ins' who are often devoted and consecrated women but who cannot be actively engaged in Church or Mission work.

4. The aged, who in the eventide of life still love the cause and by their prayers, gifts and interest continue to have a place and part in the work.

Every Home Helper is provided with a mite-box and a prayer card and is asked and urged to take our splendid monthly magazine, the *Glad Tidings*, and always we place before our Home Helpers this aim, to become active members of the Auxiliary just as soon as the way opens.

But it is to the three classes above mentioned that I am speaking, with the hope that during this new year in our Auxiliary history, every member who possibly can will be present for one hour every month to hear about Missions, to pray for Missions, to give to Missions, and to receive from the Blessed Master Himself the blessing promised in His own challenging words—''Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, and lo, I am with you alway even unto the end.'' Finally, may I conclude with two questions:

1. What can I *give* to Missions?
2. What can I *get* from Missions?

Give yourself, your life, your love, your time, your talents, your means, for missionary work, and every form of Christ-like Church work is just love in action. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, ''It is more blessed to give than to receive.'' Give your obedience, too. Christ Jesus commands His followers to give the Gospel and has He not said, ''If ye love me keep my commandments.'' Give your time. ''The King's business requires haste.'' ''Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.'' ''So teach us to number our days redeeming the time.'' Give your talents. To one he gave ten, to another five, to another one talent, but of each of us He requires an account of our stewardship and what a glorious reward is His, ''Thou hast been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.''

Lastly, what can I get from Missions? The joy of service, ''That your joy may be full.'' The friendship of Jesus, ''Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you.'' And when you pass beyond the veil, in that Great Day, you who have nobly served, and sacrificially given shall hear these wonderful words of love and welcome, ''Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you, for verily I say unto you inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me.''

Encouragements and Discouragements in Home Helper Work

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

''ONE of our Home Helpers was to-day installed as Auxiliary Secretary and another Home Helper as Mission Band Superintendent. There is no discouragement in our Auxiliary. The Home Helpers raised $21.20 towards the two Life Memberships we gave.''

''In our Church the Home Helpers made two Home Helpers Life Members. One Home Helper became an active member in the Auxiliary and took over the supply work of the Auxiliary.''

''A six months' report shows: 52 Home Helpers, 21 subscribers to the Auxiliary. $45.00 was received the 3rd quarter; $35.00 the 4th quarter; total $80.00. Thirty-nine out of the 45 were at the first Home Helper meeting and every one took a 'gold mite box'.''

''On account of unemployment we have no money but we are sewing and fixing up old clothing to send to needy points in the West.''

''One dear old lady hearing that her Home Helper visitor was to be honored with a Life Membership gave $5.00 towards it in evidence of her love and appreciation of her kindness.''

A Minority Group

''THEY have 10 Auxiliary members. They visited the whole congregation and, as a result, 7 new Active members were added to the Auxiliary and 60 to the Home Helper Department. They found women delighted to be members when they learned they could do the work and still remain at home.''

A Mission Church

''HERE the same woman is Secretary of the Home Helpers Department and the Cradle Roll. She reports 48 Home Helpers and 38 out of the 48 are young mothers. In this congregation every woman is either an active member of the W.M.S. or a Home Helper.''

A Missionary Worker on a Bicycle

THE territory which this Church serves is a very scattered one. One Saturday morning at 9.30 o'clock one of the active and interested workers of the Church received a telephone call that Mrs. —— had twin babies. Immediately she got on her bicycle and away she went to see the mother. At 10 o'clock she had the babies enrolled on the cradle roll. The mother is a Home Helper.

A Cheering Record

''DURING the year we have had much cause for thankfulness. In spite of many difficulties the work has gone on. We have noticed an effort on the part of some to do more than previously. Evidence of this is apparent in the financial statement, which shows givings not far behind last year in spite of the fact that several names have been removed for the present.

''In June, we held our annual Home Helper meeting, to which a good number came. We showed slides of our Canadian work. The programme was practically all carried out by Home Helpers. The meeting was followed by a social half hour.

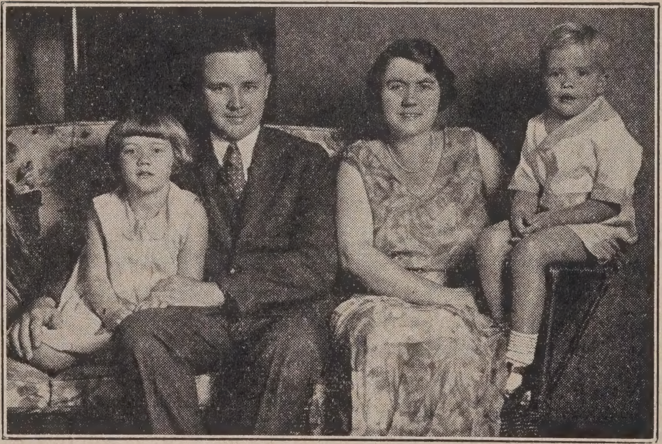
''The Home Helpers contributed supplies valued at $26.65. Total raised by Home Helpers for all purposes $133.22. The *Glad Tidings* are in

50 Home Helper homes this year. Our Home Helper visitors have made 65 calls and 46 telephone enquiries in cases of illness. One of our calls resulted in a new active member. Two former Home Helpers have become active members.

"We now have 89 Home Helpers, and 40 of these are helping with the Church Budget deficit."

CO-OPERATION

WOULD you tell me if it is customary for an Auxiliary to have an "Honorary President"? If so, would it be all right to appoint our pastor for this position, or is it necessary to appoint a woman, because of its being a Women's Society? Our pastor is so much interested in our Auxiliary, and is always ready to help us in any way he can. We met our allocation in full again this year, but we all feel that if it had not been for the help and encouragement of our pastor during the year, we would not have been able to do so. To show him a little of our appreciation, we would like to elect him as our Honorary President at our Annual Meeting but, of course, we do not wish to go against any of the rules of the Society.



Rev. Hugh MacMillan, Principal of the Theological College of the Presbyterian Mission, Taihoku, Formosa, and Mrs. MacMillan, and their two children, Ruth Mary and Sandy who sailed for Formosa on *The Empress of Japan* on January 14th, after spending their furlough in Canada.

World Day of Prayer Programme

MARCH 3, 1933

Follow Me

Prepared by

MRS. C. C. CHEN,
Chairman of National Committee of the Y.W.C.A. of China,
Member of Executive Committee of the National Christian Council of China,
University of Shanghai, Shanghai, China

Hymn—''Breathe on Me, Breath of God.''

Call to Worship

The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

The Lord's Prayer—(in unison)

Responsive Reading

LEADER: Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Thy glory be above all the earth.

CONGREGATION: *My heart is fixed, O God; my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.*

LEADER: I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people; I will sing unto Thee among the nations.

CONGREGATION: *All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship before Thee, O Lord; and shall glorify Thy Name.*

IN UNISON: For Thou art great and doest wondrous things. Thou art God alone.

Doxology

LEADER: Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He may give it you. These things I command you that ye love one another. (John 15: 16, 17.)

This is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent. (John 17: 3.)

I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil. (John 17: 15.)

Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (Matt. 5: 48.)

LEADER: Let us search our hearts and give thanks because we are the children of God.

Silent Meditation—(2 minutes), then the following prayer:

IN UNISON: Our loving Father, we come to Thee with hearts full of gratitude for Thy loving care, Thy ever willing forgiveness, and

Thy greatest gift, Christ our Saviour. We live and breathe in Thy great love and yet how often we have wandered away from Thee. The worldly things and worries of our daily life have dimmed our vision of Thy loving face. We delight in following our selfish desires but forget to heed the still small voice of our conscience. Thou art sad over our weakness and art ever eager to have us as perfect as Thou art. Father, hold us fast and forgive us. We want to be Thy children. Help us to be better Christians every day, so that by our daily living the world may know that we are Thine. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn—''O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee.'' Tune: *Maryton.*

Intercessions

LEADER: Jesus said, ''Follow thou me.''

LEADER: If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (Matt. 16: 24.)

Let us follow CHRIST'S SPIRIT OF LOVE.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another. Love your enemies. (John 15: 12; Matt. 5: 44.)

IN UNISON: It is very hard to love our enemies, Father, Thou understandest. Thou hast taught us to love in order to grow because hatred brings only death. We want to grow and to be like Christ. Have mercy on us, O God, teach us to love as Thou hast loved us.

LEADER: Let us follow CHRIST'S SPIRIT OF SERVICE.

If I, then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. (John 13: 14.)

IN UNISON: Teach us to be humble and simple when it is our privilege to serve. Help us to be alert to find people in need, that nothing will be too small to which we may give our attention. We beseech Thee, our God, Father.

LEADER: Let us follow CHRIST'S SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE.

The good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. (John 10: 11.)

IN UNISON: O Lord, open our eyes that we may see our opportunities when they come. Help us to possess the pre-eminent joy of giving.

LEADER: Let us follow CHRIST'S SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD.

IN UNISON: Other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. (John 10: 16.)

LEADER: Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?

IN UNISON: Lord, Thou knowest all things; Thou knowest that I love Thee.

LEADER: Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. (John 21: 17.)

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Offering

Solo—''One There is Above All Others'' (Tune: *Caritas*), or may be sung as a hymn.

Prayer—(Leader or one voice)

O Father, Thou so lovest us that Thou hast given us Thy Son, Christ. In Thine eyes we are all Thy children, whether we are of the white, black, or yellow races. Thou hast desired us to love and to help one another, and especially to care for the weak ones, but we have often been so proud of ourselves and feel others are not our equals. We have thought very little of the weaker ones. Thy great father-heart is grieved! Forgive us! Father, forgive us! Teach us to forget ourselves, and to think more of others. O Christ, come and live in our hearts and take possession of our lives. Amen.

Intercession—(in unison) For the King, the Empire and Our Country.

O God our Father, teach us to pray at this time for the King, the Empire, and especially for Our Country; for all who have control of her destiny and for all who are leaders in the making of public opinion. Grant a new spirit in us that in the midst of our national perplexities and problems, our search for the truth may be more earnest than our desire to guard our rights or establish our national prestige.

Help us to make the welfare of all the supreme law of our land. May our Dominion be built strong and secure on the justice of its rulers and the love of its citizens.

Grant us peace in our time; peace that is won by labor and sacrifice and brotherly co-operation; the peace of free men who have cleansed their hearts by repentance for wrong-doing, and who seek to build Thy kingdom of love and righteousness throughout the world. Amen.

Hymn—"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind." Tune: *Rest (Elton).*

LEADER: Let us pray—for an increase in the circulation and study of the Holy Scriptures.

Silent prayer for one minute, after which one voice will lead in prayer.

LEADER: Let us pray—for Christian work in all countries, especially at this time for JAPAN, CHINA and INDIA, that they may, through the darkness of the present crises, realize that Christ alone can save the world.

Silent prayer for one minute, after which one voice will lead in prayer.

LEADER: Let us pray—for RUSSIA, who in ceasing to recognize religion in her national life is denying the leadership of Christ the Saviour of the world.

Silent prayer for one minute, after which one voice will lead in prayer.

Prayer—(in unison)

O Lord, stretch forth Thine arms in mercy and prosper all means used to bring about universal brotherhood upon the earth. Wilt Thou graciously bless the League of Nations in all the diversities of its activity. Grant that to the hungry and destitute, to those without home or country, to those who still have an almost hopeless struggle for a means of livelihood, and to those who are at war and are concerned with hate, may come the knowledge of Thy law of love without which we are helpless. Instead of arms of war which cause devastation and horror, may the world be armed with Thy attributes of love, tolerance and understanding. Give peace in our time, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and bless the League of Nations, the Disarmament Conference, and all other agencies which operate in order to fulfil Thy law. Amen.

Hymn—"Lord of Our Life, and God of Our Salvation."
Tune: *Flemming*

Intercession—For Women throughout the World.

Prayer—(in unison)

O Lord Jesus Christ, who, in the days of Thy flesh, didst vouchsafe to accept the services of faithful women, we beseech Thee to grant Thy blessing upon our endeavors to aid and encourage missionaries. Put into our hearts the things that we should do and say to promote Thy glory and further the object that we have in hand. May those of us whom Thou hast called to service hear and obey Thy voice. Grant that we may never be discouraged under difficulties, but go forward in faith and hope—looking unto Thee. Have pity on those who know Thee not, on those who have forgotten Thee, on those who are far from the Church of their fathers in a strange land. Visit them with Thy salvation. Hasten, we pray Thee, Thy Kingdom, that all may come to the knowledge of the truth. Hear and answer us, O Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer, who livest and reignest with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Hymn—''Crown Him With Many Crowns.'' Tune: *Diademata.*

Dismissal Prayer—(in unison)

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace. Amen.

Information

The programme as printed is only suggestive. It may be shortened or adapted to meet the needs of the places where the meetings are held.

A special programme is being printed for girls, and it would be helpful if some one familiar with the objects for which the offering is given would speak briefly at the girls' meetings.

A committee composed of representatives of the various churches in each district should come together early to plan for the observance of the day.

Each Leader and her Committee should give much time in thought and preparation, and every detail of the service should be thoroughly planned.

At an early date after the Day of Prayer the Key Woman and her Committee should meet and appoint a key woman and a committee for the next year.

The offerings received at the World Day of Prayer meeting will be distributed by the Inter-Board Committee among the following interdenominational objects:

Christian Literature for Japan, India, China, Korea and Africa and for Moslems in every land; Magazines: China, ''Happy Childhood''; Japan, ''Shoshoki''; India, ''Treasure Chest'', in eight dialects; Africa, ''Listen''; Korea, ''Children's Magazine''; Mexico, ''Antorcha Misionara''; The Canadian School of Missions; International Review of Missions.

Please send offerings to the Treasurer, Inter-Board Committee, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

Order Day of Prayer Programmes from the denominational Literature Depots of The Women's Missionary Societies. *Price, one cent each.*

Girls' Programmes are also to be ordered through these depots.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

WINTER meetings are well under way, and programmes should be at their best. Auxiliaries should be sufficiently advanced in the work of ''The Seven Seas of Service'' to be interested in reading the study helps between meetings. It is often impossible for each member to secure all the books for supplementary reading, but each Auxiliary should have either a lending library or a circulating library. We shall be glad to furnish suggestions to any who wish to start either in a modest way.

BIBLE READINGS for schools of any kind, or for homes, an excellent book, paper bound, 75c.

DEVOTIONAL DIARY, by Dr. Oldham, is splendid, especially for Girls' and Young Women's groups. Space permits a record being kept of the devotional readings. Well bound, 75c. per copy.

MORNING PRAYERS, for family use, by Mrs. G. Rogers, paper, 50c.

JESUS AND OUR PRESSING PROBLEMS, by R. H. Walker, is a book on modern problems including prayer, faith, stewardship and peace, cloth bound $1.50. Each library should have one.

LIFE OF SUSIE SORABJI, by Cornelia Sorabji, is a new book which those who met the author when here, will welcome. The life of this wonderful native Educationalist is replete with interest. Price, cloth bound, $1.00.

CENTRAL EUROPEAN IMMIGRANT, by Robert England, is very helpful for the study of National Missions. Special price, 75c. each.

THE HINDU and THE CHINESE are two paper bound volumes telling the history of these two people in a brief, valuable form. They are 35c. each.

JAPAN AND HER PEOPLE—INDIA AND HER PEOPLE—Two books highly recommended for anyone studying or preparing a paper on either country. Price per copy 60c., in paper.

Mission Band Suggestions

THE GOLDEN SPARROW, an interesting study book on India, issued by the Friendship Press. This book would be splendid for any who have finished ''Big Ships and Little People,'' and desire a book to fill-in the balance of the year. Price has been reduced from 75c. to 50c. to clear.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION, the series includes junior, intermediate and 'teen age volumes. Price each, $1.00

THE LITTLE BIBLE, an easy volume of Bible readings, suitable for boys and girls, $1.25.

TALES FROM DRAGON LAND, by Henry Payne, a fascinating collection of stories and legends from China. Cloth bound, 35c.

THE BOOK OF A CHINESE BABY and THE BOOK OF AN INDIAN BABY are still available at 35c. per copy. Both contain nice little stories for Mission Bands.

Easter plays and pageants will be featured in the next issue. Write for suggestions—Publications Department, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto.

Prayer

LORD teach us to pray. As we come into Thy presence give us humble and contrite hearts and a deep consciousness of our unworthiness and need of Thy power to help us. O blessed Jesus, who didst bid all who carry heavy burdens to come unto Thee, refresh us with Thy presence and Thy power, quiet our troubled minds and give ease to our anxious hearts. We bless and praise Thee for all Thy goodness to us, for friends and friendliness, for life, with its opportunity to speak a word of courage and cheer or do a kindly deed. Sustain and comfort those known to us who mourn. We thank Thee for the lives of those who have passed from our midst into the fuller light of Thy eternal presence; for their loyalty to duty; their example, their steadfastness in faith and their obedience to Thy holy commandments. Bless all our missionaries at home and abroad. Fill their hearts with a courage which never falters, a patience which never wearies and a love which never fails. Especially do we beseech Thee to give wisdom to all those throughout our Society who have been called to positions of leadership, and grant to all the members a willingness to work together with love and zeal. O Thou who has called us to service in Thy Church, grant us Thy blessed spirit without Whom nothing is strong or holy, and use us as it shall please Thee for the glory of Thy name. This we ask, with the forgiveness of our sins, in the name of Jesus our Lord and Master. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

METHODS TO INCREASE YOUR MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE

PERHAPS one of the questions most often asked is ''How to increase membership and attendance.'' Every young woman of the church a member and regular attendant of the monthly meetings, would be a slogan worthy of adoption by each Auxiliary. Such a slogan brings clearly a challenge before each member and should cause us all to be alert and anxious to do our part. All of us should be on the watch to make contacts that might result in someone finding her place in our Society.

There are several methods that might result in securing better attendance. Perhaps most important is the attitude the individual member takes toward the Society. The meetings should be so filled with a missionary atmosphere that vital interest cannot help but be created. When a young woman once sees that the Missionary Society is worth while, she ceases to be an attendance problem.

The programmes should be made most attractive. A spirit of ''long-faced-ness'' or a ''boresome'' programme will attract no one. But by putting in much enthusiasm, zest and inspiration, how could there be lack of interest. Vary the programmes month by month—at least not too much sameness. Do not hesitate to try out new ideas. Plan the programmes wisely, and well in advance of your meeting. Give as many as possible some part in the programme, whether it may be much or little. A President must beware of a tendency to do too much herself, that may be an easier way but nothing will kill the interest of the members quicker than having the President take part in each programme. Ask some one else to do it.

Two weeks before the meeting every absentee, irregular attendant, or prospective member should be informed of the meeting date and place. Then a day or two before the meeting they should again be reminded and arrangements made for some other member to call for them. This plan works most effectively.

There should be friendly social intercourse between officers and members. Personal interest has won over many members when nothing else could do so. A missionary meeting offers a splendid opportunity for Christian fellowship. Study human nature. In so doing you may learn the avenue of approach to some individual which will ensure undreamed of results.

In this issue you will find the Estimates for the coming year and in this connection you will be interested to know that at the Enlarged Council Executive meeting, held in May, it was decided that no definite allocation would be given to the young women this year. We feel sure the interest, created by the fact that our contributions were going to the two deaconesses in Canada, Miss Jenkinson and Miss Macdonald, and to Miss Crockett* in Manchuria, will continue in the work they are doing. However, it was felt unwise to limit the interest of the young women to any particular part of the work indefinitely. Now our contributions will go to the work as a whole and we can feel we have a share in the work being done in every field, at home or abroad.

Success Suggestions

Always work a few items of news from our mission fields into the meeting. Everyone is interested in hearing about people they support.

—*F. D. Holman.*

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* Miss Crockett is no longer in Manchuria, having resigned.—EDITOR.

GIRLS AND LEADERS

Service of Worship for Girls

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, MARCH 3, 1933

Theme: Follow Me

Girls of all nations join in the observance of this World Day of Prayer. While we in Canada are yet sleeping, the day will have dawned in Oriental Countries. The girls of Japan will lead in this circle of prayer 'round the world.

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Prayer

O God, who art the light of the minds who know Thee, the life of the souls that love Thee, and the strength of the thoughts that seek Thee, help us so to know Thee that we may truly love Thee, so to love Thee that we may fully serve Thee, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Responsive Reading—(From Psalms 24 and 67)

LEADER: The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein:

GIRLS: *For He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.*

LEADER: Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in His holy place?

GIRLS: *He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart: who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

LEADER: God be merciful unto us, and bless us: and cause His face to shine upon us.

GIRLS: *That Thy way may be known upon earth, Thy saving health among all nations.*

LEADER: Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee.

GIRLS: *O let the nations be glad, and sing for joy: for Thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.*

ALL: Let the people praise Thee, O God: let all the people praise Thee.

Hymn—O Worship the King. *(Girls seated)* Tune: *Hanover*

LEADER: Over all the world, women and girls are uniting at this time to worship God, and to try to discover the meaning of being followers of Jesus. The theme of our service of worship is found in the words of Jesus, ''If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.'' If we would respond to the call, ''Follow me,'' we must first know Jesus. Perhaps it will help to bring back to us a vivid picture of Him if we listen to the words of one who calls himself an ''unknown disciple.''

''When Jesus walked with us, all went well, for He was gay of heart, and had a way of linking men together. He brought with Him a feeling of kindliness and understanding which made all things seem possible, so that as we talked no man spoke evil of another. We were His friends and therefore friends of one another. His sympathy softened the hearts of men, so that they saw graces in their fellows to which they had been blind before. When he was there all the diverse natures of His followers seemed to meet and blend, for He charmed and held even those most different from Him.

''All kinds and sorts of people came to Him. Dwellers in the desert, and rude-looking shepherds in sheepskin coats mingled with learned Rabbis in long dark robes. Women from the fields carrying their babies on their backs stood side by side with tradesmen from the towns, tanners, shoemakers, and needlemakers, potters, dyers and smiths. There were ass-drivers and husbandmen, carpenters and masons, slaves and tax-gatherers.

''When Jesus began to speak, there fell a great silence. 'I have a new thing to tell you,' He said. 'God has commanded me that I deliver to you a new commandment, the law of the Kingdom, love one another. You must be gentle to those who are cruel to you, you must be merciful, you must not show contempt, you must not judge. You must forgive and be generous.

''If you walk in God's paths, so long as the moon endureth there shall be an abundance of peace, For God Himself will teach you His ways.'' (Paragraphs from ''By An Unknown Disciple.'')

Meditation—(with bowed heads)

LEADER: Jesus said, ''You must love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with your whole mind. This is the greatest and chief command.''

Let us ask God to help us in our understanding of Him that we may recognize Him as He reveals Himself in the vastness of the starry sky, in the beauty of the out-of-doors, in music and pictures and books, in health and vigour of body, in all pleasures of mind, and in the love and comradeship of our families and friends. Let us thank God for His gifts. And let us ask Him to show us how we may truly love Him.

Brief silence.

LEADER: Jesus said, ''There is a second (command) like it. You must love your neighbor as yourself.''

Let us remember our homes. Let us think of what it would mean to our homes if every member were following Jesus' way of sympathy and understanding and helpfulness. Let us ask God to help us to be followers of Jesus in our homes.

Brief silence.

LEADER: Let us remember the place in which we spend many hours of each day—in school or in office or in factory or at home. Let us remember our leisure hours. Let us think of what it would mean if each of us and all our associates tried to follow Jesus. Let us ask God's help.

Brief silence.

Let us remember the churches from which we come. Let us pray that in God's church throughout the world there may be a new understanding of what it means to belong to the Christian Church. And let us pray that we may be worthy members of such a family.

Brief silence, followed by prayer.

IN UNISON: O God, our Father, show us once again the beauty and power of Jesus. Help us, and all people the world over to desire to follow in His footsteps. Give us all courage to go with Him wherever He may lead. Amen.

Hymn—Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult. Tune: *St. Oswald*

Intercession for Our Country

LEADER: Almost exactly nineteen hundred years ago Jesus gave His life that people might understand God's message to them. ''He who lives in love lives in God and God in him, for God is love.''

To-day we picture for ourselves a nation in which this great gift of God is the highest ideal of all the people.

LEADER *(or one voice)*: One of the world's greatest poets, William Blake, used as a symbol for the creation of such a nation the building of a palace:

''The stones are Pity, and the bricks well wrought Affections,
Enameled with Love and Kindness: and the tiles engraven gold,
Labor of merciful hands—the beams and rafters are Forgiveness,
The mortar and cement of the work, tears of Honesty;
. . . . .; the floors Humility,
The ceilings Devotion, the hearth Thanksgiving.''

LEADER: Ours is a rich inheritance, for our nation has known many brave and loving men and women who have themselves been followers of Jesus. But ours is also a grave responsibility to help build a nation wherein the love of God may dwell supreme. Let us pray.

IN UNISON: O God our Father, teach us to pray at this time for our country; for all who have control of her destiny and for all who are leaders in the making of public opinion. Grant a new spirit in us that in the midst of our national perplexities and problems our search for the truth may be more than our desire to guard our rights. Help us to make the welfare of all the supreme law of our land. Help each of us to be worthy inheritors of Thy gifts, so that we may ''transmit this nation . . . greater, better and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.'' Amen.

Hymn—Father in Heaven Who Lovest All. Tune: *Maryton*

Intercession for the Family of Nations

LEADER: Beneath the seas the islands are one,
Beneath the nations humanity is one,
Beneath the creeds the Love of God is one,
What then keeps us apart?

GIRLS: *He is breaking down the barriers, He is casting up the way,*
He is calling for His angels to build up the gates of day:
But His angels here are human,
Not the shining hosts above:
And the drum beats of His army
Are the heart beats of our love.

LEADER: Let us pray.

Let us ask God for eager minds and open hearts that we may learn more and understand more of the ways of those people who live in countries other than our own.

Brief silence.

Let us remember especially those members of the family of nations who are in unusually perplexing situations. Let us remember Japan, where grave issues are being faced by leaders and people alike. Let us remember China, whose millions of people know no central and unifying government, and where floods and famines make life desperate . . . Let us remember India, where many ancient cultures war with one another and with a modern world . . . . Let us remember that every member of the family of nations suffers to-day from poverty and lack of understanding of each other. Let us ask God to help our nation and all others to learn His way of co-operation and love.

IN UNISON: ''Give us peace in our time, O Lord; the peace that is won by labor and sacrifice and brotherly co-operation; the peace of free people who have cleansed their hearts by repentance for wrong-doing, and who seek to build Thy kingdom of love and righteousness throughout the world. We pray in the name and under the guiding spirit of Jesus.'' Amen.

LEADER: We are worshipping to-day as members of a wide fellowship of women and girls in Canada—a fellowship which is promoted by The Women's Missionary Societies of all the churches of Canada. Our offering will go towards the special enterprises of the Inter-Board Committee of those societies. As we worship God through our offerings, let us remember that in Japan, in India, in China, in Korea and in Africa, men and women may enjoy a Christian magazine or paper because of the work of this Committee.

Offering

Solo—(or sung as hymn) ''Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts,'' or ''Fairest Lord Jesus.''

LEADER: ''Where are you going, Great-Heart?''
''To break down old dividing lines;
To carry out my Lord's designs;
To build again His broken shrines.''
''Then God go with you, Great-Heart!''

Thousands of men and women have answered the call, ''follow me,'' and have travelled to the ends of the earth to tell other people about the wonderful message of Jesus. To-day we honor these people, our missionaries, ''Great-Hearts,'' for they have indeed broken down barriers of race and color and creed and have won God's liberty for those who have heard their message and responded to it.

GIRLS: *We, too, would belong to the great company of men and women and boys and girls who in all countries and through hundreds of centuries have answered the call, ''follow me.''*

Silent Prayer, ending with (in unison)

''The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us, and give us peace, both now and evermore. Amen.''

Hymn (last two verses to be used as a recessional) Tune: *Melcombe*

Creation's Lord, we give Thee thanks
That this Thy world is incomplete;
That battle calls our marshalled ranks;
That work awaits our hands and feet;

That Thou hast not yet finished man:
That we are in the making still,
As friends who share the Maker's plan,
As sons who know the Father's will.

What though the Kingdom long delay,
And still with haughty foes must cope?
It gives us that for which we pray,
A field for toil and faith and hope.

Since what we choose is what we are,
And what we love we yet shall be,
The goal may ever shine afar,—
The will to win it makes us free. Amen.

Note to Leader of Service

Please send offerings to the Treasurer, Inter-Board Committee, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Ontario.

MISSION BANDS

THE ADVENTURES OF AN INDIAN BROOM

HERE I am! a bundle of clean new straws tied loosely together with a piece of dry grass—A BROOM all complete and ready for work. I wonder who will buy me. What a big noise there is in the Bazaar. Everyone is talking at once. What a dust! for we have not had rain for many weeks. How I wish I could be used to sweep up that pile of rubbish over that side where the fruit merchants have their goods! but I'm new and must be sold; otherwise my maker's wee children will have to go without their curry and rice and they will be crying with hunger.

It is growing dark, and all the people are beginning to pick up their bundles and go away home. I'm getting very tired—why doesn't somebody buy me?

Suddenly a young coolie girl is standing before me with such a bright smile. She is now opening a small cloth bag for her money, and now I belong to her. I am put in a basket and carried home on her head. She moves along so gracefully that although the road is rough I do not feel any bumps. After a long time we reach home, and I am placed in a corner of the little mud and thatch hut. After the evening meal is over Grandma hobbles over and takes me out of the basket. She looks at me very keenly for a long time, and then wags her head in approval and throws me down on the floor where I'm to sleep. I have many bed companions for all the family are lying near me besides two fowls and a little calf. The tiny door and window are shut, and oh! how hot and stuffy it is, and how I wish the morning would come soon!

At dawn the bright young girl takes me under her arm, and she walks away out of the village, and then my work starts and for hours I sweep up all the leaves that have fallen from the trees and died. It is great fun at first, but I am a very new broom, and not used to hard work yet. All the leaves I sweep up are used for firewood. Day after day I go out sweeping leaves till I'm a very ragged and dusty old broom, and nearly all worn away. Only yesterday I heard my mistress say, ''This broom''—that's me—''is too old for sweeping leaves. Keep it at home for the fire place.''

I know I won't live much longer, but I've been useful all my life, and I shall die a very happy broom because I've worked willingly and helped my country to be clean and sweet, and isn't that great work, and isn't it wonderful how God uses everything and everybody if they are willing?

—*Ministering Women.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—Mrs. Craig, former missionary to India, gave an interesting talk on missions and the problems of India, at the Thank-offering meeting of the North Hill W.M.S., at which Mrs. Wm. Donaldson presided. The Mission Band under the leadership of Miss Dorothy Weir, and four members of the Y.W.A., also contributed to the programme.

The Executive of the Presbyterial met in Grace Church, Calgary, in December. St. Andrew's Auxiliary had charge of the devotions, Miss Campbell taking the Scripture reading while Miss McKay led in prayer.

The Secretary, Miss Muldoon, then gave a very full report of the work of the Executive during the year, after which reports were received from the Departmental Secretaries, all of which showed marked progress and intimated a keen interest in the missionary work. The report given by Mrs. Noble, the Supply Secretary, was probably the most outstanding. This Department had a very busy year. Large bales of supplies and clothing were distributed to various points where most needed and were most gratefully received. Arrangements were made for the annual meeting which was held in January, after which Mrs. Rodgers of Knox Church gave a most helpful paper on ''What is the real missionary problem, Is it men or money?'' The speaker emphasized strongly the urgent need for more earnest prayer as also the great need of ''going'' and ''giving''.

Grace Church Auxiliary annual meeting was largely devoted to hearing reports from the various Secretaries. Although funds were a little slower of coming in this year, than other years, yet the reports showed an active year, and great interest in the work. The election of officers followed.

Red Deer P.S.—Mrs. H. B. Maunsell and Mrs. Hugh Jack of Red Deer went out to Sylvan Lake and took the December meeting of the Ladies' Aid, which meeting is devoted to missions. Mrs. Maunsell gave a paper on missions and Mrs. Jack told what our Church and W.M.S. are seeking to do in Alberta.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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PROGRAMMES at the December meetings in most of the Auxiliaries of the province consisted of a review of the year's work and election of officers for 1933. Young Women's Auxiliaries, Girls' Groups and Mission Bands also finished the meetings of the year with business and elections.

Plans are being made for greater effort this year to enlist every woman of our church in the work of the W.M.S.

Victoria P.S.—A pleasant evening was spent at the Gorge Presbyterian Church recently, the occasion being the Thank-offering service of the W.M.S. This took the form of a lantern lecture by Mrs. Will Sanders, augmented by the splendid work of the C.G.I.T. Group and the ''Rosalind Goforth'' Mission Band, and was preceded by devotional exercises, led by Mrs. Sanders, W.M.S. President.

The slides, ''What Our Church Is Doing at Home and Abroad'' and ''Little Brown Brother—Canadian Indian,'' gave a glimpse of the territory the W.M.S. work covers.

The Mission Band introduced themselves by singing the song, ''We Are Building Every Day,'' with great earnestness. The affiliated C.G.I.T. Group gave a pageant, ''Follow the Gleam'' showing how by ''following'' one grows nearer to faith and holiness. The parts were taken so splendidly by the girls as to add greatly to the success of the programme and prove the value of the junior organizations in the life of the church. The minister, Rev. A. O. Thomson closed the service with the benediction.

Westminster P.S.—At a meeting of the Y.W.A. of Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, Mrs. Herd, President of the Provincial Society, gave a survey of our W.M.S. work in Canada. Annual reports were read.

The annual meeting of the W.M.S. of Fairview Church was held in the church hall when encouraging reports of the year's work were given by various conveners. Mrs. R. M. Thomson, President of Westminster Presbyterial, presided at the installation of the new officers.

The W.M.S. of Port Haney invited the members of the Presbyterial to take part in their December meeting. Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Presbyterial President, occupied the chair, while Mrs. James Herd, the Provincial President, gave an interesting account of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting held in Toronto. After the meeting supper was served by the women of Port Haney Auxiliary.

The Christmas closing of the kindergarten, one of the big events of the year in the Chinese Church, Vancouver, took place December 16th, a goodly number of mothers and friends being present. The number of children on the roll now stands at 54. To Rev. David Smith fell the pleasant duty of presenting five of these little people with diplomas which means they are now ready to enter the public school. A University graduate receiving special honor could feel no prouder than did these little ones on receiving their rolls tied with blue ribbon. A programme, illustrating a day's work was admirably gone through by the children. The pastor, Mr. Yeung, then addressed the mothers. Great credit is due Miss Yeandle and Mrs. Louie for their faithfulness in this work.

MANITOBA

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SUPERIOR P.S.—The McKay Mission Band, Port Arthur, held their annual meeting. The reports were very encouraging.

The ''Janet E. Smellie'' Band at its December meeting heard letters from the Birtle Indian School acknowledging gifts sent by the Mission Band, and from Rev. Allan Reoch, in Manchuria, telling the Band how they could help those in Manchuria, and giving them an account of the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Wang, mission teachers.

The annual meeting of First Church, Port Arthur, was held in the Church. Good reports were received and letters read from mission fields. Mrs. Wm. Elliott, a faithful worker and a wonderful Home Helpers' Secretary, was presented with a Life Membership. The mission topic given by Mrs. Dowdall, was ''British Guiana.''

Winnipeg P.S.—At the Thank-offering of Calvin Presbyterian Church

W.M.S. Rev. Gordon McLean gave an interesting address on Missionary Societies in the Old Land, the Mission Band children helped with the programme.

Gonor Thank-offering meeting was addressed by Mrs. Hutchison, Provincial President. A big snow storm did not keep the members away as there was a large meeting.

Superior P.S.—The ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, were entertained to a Christmas party by their Superintendent, Mrs. Walker, and her assistants. About sixty were present. Two Life Memberships were presented.

At the St. Andrew's Church W.M.S. annual meeting the reports were all very encouraging. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported 325 calls. The Home Helpers' Secretary reported more members and better giving.

St Andrew's C.G.I.T. held a morning watch service in the Church on Christmas morning. Isa Barr presided and had charge of the worship service. The story ''The Lost Blessing'' was told by Miss Beatrice Deachman. Margaret Shedden and Elsie Clayton sang a duet, ''Holy Night.'' A chorus was rendered. A solo ''Lord I Want to be a Christian,'' was taken by Margaret Shedden.

ONTARIO

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Provincial Annual Meeting

THE Annual Meeting of the Ontario Provincial Society will be held in Stratford, on April 25th, 26th and 27th.

Barrie P.S.—At a well attended meeting of the Y.W.A., Collingwood, there was a ready response to the One Step Forward Movement. Mrs. Gosselin, Victoria Harbour, gave an address and Miss Clark read a paper on ''The Early Presbyterian Church in Canada.'' Miss Irene Stringer was speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of Stayner Auxiliary.

Brockville P.S.—The ''Light Bearers'' Mission Band, Brockville, held a rally in December, 82 members attending. Mrs. McOdrum gave a brief talk. This was followed by an impromptu programme and moving pictures. This Band would appreciate letters from other Bands.

Chatham P.S.—Presentation of an Honorary Membership Pin was made to Mrs. Turner, the President, prior to her removal to Ingersoll, while Mrs. C. Steedsman was honored with a Life Membership Pin.

Huron P.S.—The Thank-offering of Harriston Auxiliary was encouraging in attendance and spirit. Mrs. Leggett, Molesworth, in her address stressed the power of prayer. At Holstein Auxiliary Thank-offering an illustrated lecture was given by Rev. R. Millar, Mount Forest.

Ottawa P.S.—Five sectional meetings were held in the summer and autumn. Miss Whatling gave addresses at seventeen meetings, arousing keen interest in her work. A legacy of $200 has been received from Mr. Henry Penny, a gift from his mother, the late Mrs. Penny, Torbolton. Givings ahead of last year have been received by the Treasurer.

Peterborough P.S.—At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Lakefield, several ladies of St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, took charge of the programme. Mrs. A. T. Barr gave the address, and Presbyterial Secretaries spoke of the work of their departments. Mrs. F. H. Rowan showed the possibilities and value of forming Mission Bands in isolated districts. Miss Pelton was speaker at a meeting of St. Paul's Auxiliary, Peterborough.

Toronto P.S.—The Presbyterial Executive recently held an evening meeting to permit the attendance of leaders of Young Women's Auxiliaries and 'Teen-age groups. The large gathering of young women felt they had obtained great benefit from the meeting.

Dr. Jessie MacBean addressed a joint meeting of the missionary organizations of St. John's Church, Toronto.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA P.S.—The emergency relief carried on by our Church in this province has resulted in the formation, in many of our mission fields, of organizations among the women for the purpose of making over and distributing the clothing.

When presenting the W.M.S. work to the meeting of Synod the missionaries in these fields were asked to keep before the women's organizations the claims of missions, not to gain contributions but as a matter of education and wider interest. The suggestion has been accepted and has already been acted upon.

The Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church held a very interesting annual meeting December 15th, when reports from every department were read. Officers for the coming year were elected.

''Sunbeam'' Mission Band of First Presbyterian Church, held a most enjoyable Christmas concert when every member of the Band contributed to the programme. The ladies of the Auxiliary treated the children to a party immediately following the programme. One graduate of the Band completed her payments for a Life Membership, while another graduate secured a gold seal. One member was presented with a silver seal for having the best attendance, 100 per cent. The ladies were enabled to do this because of the generosity of Mrs. Farley who gave the five dollars for this purpose. This is the third year this little girl has had a 100 per cent. award. Another member secured her silver seal.

Saskatoon P.S.—A pleasing feature of the November meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon, was the announcement of two Life Memberships secured through the Society. Mrs. W. G. Brown spoke on Manchuria.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Parkview Church W.M.S., Mrs. Geo. McTavish addressed the members telling of the early life and work of Lucy Baker, a pioneer missionary of Prince Albert. Rev. W. G. Brown was the special speaker. He spoke on the ''Mission Work at Home and Abroad.''

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Christmas in the Montreal Chinese Kindergarten

THE Christmas festival in the Chinese Kindergarten of Montreal, has once more come and gone. Once more, a full hall has given testimony to the popularity of this yearly gathering, and, once more, mothers and little ones have wended their homeward way, with bright happy faces, little arms hugging the precious bundles which Santa Claus had distributed among them.

Continued sickness among the children had caused many misgivings as to the character of the programme to be presented, but everyone appeared and everyone did his, or her, part most creditably.

One very attractive item was the star drill by seven little girls, dressed in white and carrying ribbons of silver stars. Another was the hoop drill, which ended with twelve smiling faces looking through twelve red hoops, adorned with tinkling bells. The children were assisted in the programme by the Helping Hand Club, under the leadership of Miss Elsie Johnson and Miss Rowatt, the senior and junior C.G.I.T. Groups from the Mission, each sang most acceptably; and little Douglas Lee sang and recited in his usual winning way.

Mrs. Pae brought greetings from the Montreal Presbyterial; and the chairman was Mr. A. M. Nairn, the staunch friend of the Chinese children. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. C. H. Shiu in Chinese, and words of greeting were spoken by Mrs. Jamieson, formerly a missionary in Formosa. The children's white gift of $2.70 went to the Montreal School for Crippled Children.

As in former years, the Montreal Presbyterial were responsible for the many splendid gifts prepared for the children and their mothers. Each kindergarten child received a toy, a knitted sweater, or scarf and mittens, and a bag of candy. Refreshments were served at the close.

The hall was beautifully decorated by two Chinese art students. The thanks of the teachers are tendered to all who helped to make the gathering so successful. —*Agnes I. Dickson.*

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Editorial

Days to Remember

KNOX Church, Toronto, "that Presbyterian Cathedral with its long drawn aisles and fretted vaults; its pillars and pointed arches and large seating spaces" has provided the setting for several great events in connection with our Church. Undoubtedly the greatest, was the memorable midnight service on June 9, 1925, when we saw our Church reborn out of strife, sorrow and heartbreak; rebaptized by the Holy Spirit; rededicated by the Interim Moderator of the reconstructed Assembly to the service of man and the glory of God.

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The other, of profound and historic import, took place on February 2nd when Toronto Presbyterians kept faith with their fathers by holding a great Presbyterian Conventicle, commemorating the 375th anniversary of the signing of the first Scottish Covenant on December 1, 1557. The worship followed the form of the simple Conventicle held by the hunted covenanters when they met out on the hillsides. Three psalms in metre were sung, all from the Scottish Psalter of 1650. The pipes of the great organ were silent, the singing being led by the Precentor, John Drysdale of Hamilton, and, following the old custom, the worshippers sat to sing and stood to pray. Dr. Inkster, Minister of the Church, presided.

The graphic story of the signing of the Scottish Covenant, in 1557, and succeeding covenants was presented by Rev. Austin I. Budge, Convener of the Historical Committee of the General Assembly.

The first signing of the Scottish Covenant in 1557, under the advice of Knox, he named "the People's Covenant". The second Covenant, signed two years later, was drawn up at a time when civil war threatened and preaching was prohibited. The third Covenant was signed by Parliament, while the fourth Covenant he referred to as "the Day of Pentecost in Scotland."

The magnificent demand of all these covenants was "that the church be allowed to manage her own affairs; that the people should have their liberty; that worship should be conducted in the mother tongue; that their ministers should be sent from God."

Emphasizing the great heritage of the Church, the preacher naturally asked, "Was there any mistake made when the Presbyterian Church in

Canada was sustained?" He flung out a strong challenge to the Church, to the ministers—whose numbers in Canada to-day are greater than the number in Scotland at the time of the signing of the first Scottish Covenant—to the 6,191 elders and 180,000 members for the exercise of that same sacrifice and loyalty.

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A third great event, and one on which the women of all Christian Churches in all countries unite, is the World Day of Prayer. From very small beginnings it has grown to a mighty world force, and Friday, March 3rd, will see the women throughout the world, from early dawn to dark, bowed in prayer for their Church, their country and the speedy establishment of the Kingdom of God. To-day there are more reasons for praying than ever before. For there are more problems; people are living under greater pressure, needs are more numerous and baffling, and demands upon physical, mental and spiritual strength are increasing. It has been said that true prayer never wastes time, it always saves time for it increases the productiveness and results of the time that remains. Therefore pray ye.

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The beautiful Board Room of Knox College, Toronto, was the setting, on February 7th, for possibly the most important meeting of the year of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, for the financial returns were then announced. From the moment when Mrs. Strachan, the Treasurer, rose to present the figures until the last statement was made there was absolute silence. It was a silence frought with wonder and unspeakable gratitude that our women, with one accord, from the Council to the smallest Band, from the city charges to the missions among the newcomers to our country, had given from their riches or their penury. What mattered it that the allocation was not met when the gifts that came were marked by sacrifice and stamped with devotion. Any Church may count herself rich who has within her ranks women, girls and little children, who give richly of their service, and of their substance as they are able, for the work of the Lord. And of such our Society is composed.

Dr. MacBean to speak at Western Provincials

DR. JESSIE MacBEAN of Hackett Medical College, Canton, who has served our W.M.S. for twenty-seven years in South China, and who is at present home on furlough, is to be the special speaker at the Provincial Annual Meetings of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan. As Manitoba is not holding a Provincial Meeting this year, arrangements have been made for Dr. MacBean to attend the three Presbyterial Annual Meetings, at Winnipeg, Brandon and Superior. This plan will enable a large number of Manitoba women to hear Dr. MacBean's thrilling story of our work in general and especially that phase of it with which she is so familiar.

A Smart Programme

MONTREAL Presbyterial certainly ''sold an idea'' when it planned the programme for its Annual Meeting. In appearance the programme is not unlike a leaflet, being 3½ x 6 inches in size, wired, easy to hold and of suitable shape to slip into your purse. The first four pages are devoted to the programme, and the two centre pages to a ''Detailed Statement of Amounts Received by Presbyterial Treasurer from Various Organizations from January 10, 1931 to January 10, 1932.'' This is printed lengthwise on the pages to allow for the six columns needed. The branches that **reached their allocation** have one star in front of their givings, those that have **exceeded their allocation** have two stars. The Treasurer's statement, duly audited, follows, then comes the list of Officers and Departmental Secretaries, and, above the title, Officers, these words: ''Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward.'' Notices fill the last page. There are two kinds of programmes, those you keep and those you throw away. This programme you will want to keep for reference. We commend this plan to others, and congratulate Montreal Presbyterial upon its originality.

Appreciation

THE Prayer Programme prepared by Mrs. Locheed, of Hamilton, and which appeared in the December *Glad Tidings* has been very generally used and greatly appreciated. One Presbyterial Executive said ''their women thought it so nice, and they could use it for any meeting.'' Others who followed it found it took exactly the hour.

Our Auxiliary Number

WE hope our 19,244 members in our 740 Auxiliaries will appreciate this —the Auxiliary number—with its unique stories of the Societies organized in our overseas fields and among the Indians, and the newcomers to Canada. We only wish space were available for the many other stories of the devotion and loyalty shown by so many of our Church Auxiliaries.

WHAT then? Shall we sit idly down and say,
''The night hath come; it is no longer day?''
The night hath not yet come; we are not quite
Cut off from labor by the failing light;
Something remains for us to do or dare. . . .
And as the evening twilight fades away,
The sky is filled with stars, invisible by day.

—*H. W. Longfellow*

Treasurer's Statement for 1932

THE Auditor's statement has now been received and accepted by the Council Executive, and below is given an abbreviated statement of our receipts and expenditures. The full statement appears always in the Annual Report.

Receipts

Provincial Givings:			
Alberta		$ 4,088.80	
British Columbia		5,200.00	
Manitoba		2,865.00	
Ontario		117,600.00	
Quebec		17,635.00	
Saskatchewan		2,850.00	
			$150,238.80
Individual Subscriptions and Special Refunds		$ 3,923.72	
Rent of Property at Vegreville		137.40	
Legacies		980.00	
Interest		3,150.93	
Relief Supplies		40.95	
			$ 8,233.00
			$158,471.80
Government Grants for Indian Residential Schools			40,321.06
Total Receipts			$198,792.86
Of these receipts the following are not available for general estimates:			
Government Grants		$40,321.06	
Legacies		980.00	
Individual Subscriptions		1,750.00	
Interest (on Reserve Funds)		2,759.39	
			$ 45,810.45
Receipts Available for Estimates			$152,982.41
Disbursements		$213,302.19	
Less:			
Indian Grants	$39,410.06		
Amounts taken from Reserve Funds for Buildings and Pensions	8,970.70		
		$48,380.76	
			$164,921.43
Deficit			$ 11,939.02

After the Auditor's Statement was given, we received from Alberta $388.71, and from Manitoba $1,267.35 for 1932.

The estimate for 1932 was $190,000. How does it come that only $164,921.43 was spent? There were several contributing factors.

1st. The marvellous co-operation of all Secretaries and, through them, of all our workers, in reducing expenses. By June we realized that we were faced with a serious situation and took active steps to curtail expenses. In Canada, we pay a tribute to the heads of all our institutions and to all our workers who responded so nobly and so quickly to the appeal for curtailment—repairs were left undone, staff lessened, wards closed, various economies practised which may be all right for one year but cannot long continue. The spending departments on Council Executive also carefully revised their estimates and curtailed expense, and it is gratifying to note that **every place** where we have work and workers and **every spending department** on the Executive **have spent less than their estimate.**

2nd. We wrote to our Overseas Fields, too, telling of our anxiety. Formosa responded by saying they had an accumulated balance and could do without the last quarter's estimate. But we have taken their balance and this cannot be repeated again. Manchuria said we could withhold two quarters' estimate. This helped our expenditure but is hardly a matter for congratulation, as this was possible because our W.M.S. work is practically at a standstill in Manchuria, in the meantime. Every overseas field is co-operating and doing without many things to help out expenditure.

3rd. We decided to pay in Canadian funds. Formerly, our grants to Hackett Medical College, Church of Christ in China, and our estimates to Japan and Formosa, and Federated Fees were paid in American currency. This decision means now a saving to us but a loss to those receiving. The rate of exchange on our India drafts was also very favorable last year.

4th. We must mention, even at the risk of breaking confidences, the amounts returned from our missionaries and staff, at home and abroad.

Had all these savings not been effected our expenditure would have been within a few hundreds of the $190,000 estimated, and not the $164,921.43 we actually spent.

Now, are we down-hearted or discouraged because of this deficit of $11,939.02? No, we answer. We thank every woman, girl and child who has done her bit in this trying year, and are very grateful for all our mercies. But this is no time to rest. Our Estimate for 1933 is $171,000; and we raised in 1932 only $152,982.41. Each Provincial knows what it has to do this year. One thing is certain, the Estimate for 1933 is cut to the bone and if we cannot raise it some work will have to go and who will take upon herself the responsibility of closing any field? With a great price bought we this work. Let us make every effort to keep it, and, above all, keep our heads, that when this cloud lifts we may be in a position to take advantage of the many opportunities which are sure to offer.

(MRS. DANIEL) HELEN M. STRACHAN, *Treasurer.*

Special Campaign Fund

MRS. DANIEL STRACHAN

AS there seems to be so many names given to the extra effort we are making to help our Church, the Committee would ask, that, in future, the name, **Special Campaign Fund**, be used. This will prevent any confusion with the Budget Fund of the Church.

As far as we have learned from every Province, this appeal has met with hearty response and seems to have touched the imagination of our women.

It will interest all to know what has been received by the General Treasurer up to January 31st.

Special gift	$ 5.00
Saskatchewan Provincial	62.57
Ontario Provincial	1,795.33
Alberta Provincial	59.07
British Columbia Provincial	98.88
Manitoba Provincial	66.87
Interest	.03
	$2,087.75

The first returns came from the Province of Saskatchewan, and certainly cheered our hearts when we thought that the women of the province which had suffered so sorely were the first to send in their contribution for the help of the Church. These returns are necessarily very incomplete, as many, through force of circumstance, did not start their collection until October, or in some cases November, consequently, they did not make any returns to the General Treasurer for the first quarter.

As Convener of this Special Campaign Fund, I wish to ask that the Provincial Key Women will see that all monies for this fund are collected by **the end of March**, and forwarded to Mrs. Daniel Strachan, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, as early in April as possible, so that the Committee may know how the fund stands, and that all may begin and end the quarter at the same time.

Fact Sheet No. 2, has been prepared in co-operation with the General Board of Missions, and distributed for the most part by the W.M.S. Key Women in each congregation.

The mode of distribution varies. One congregation in Ontario reports:

> ''I received the parcel of Fact Sheets Monday, and on Thursday had them all in the hands of our elders and managers, who are making an every member canvass, so every member should receive one of them inside of two weeks. There is certainly a fund of information in them, and I trust a better knowledge of the work will promote interest and that is surely what is needed.''

In another congregation the Fact Sheets were folded and one placed in each *Record.* In yet another, they were folded and placed in the pews, and a suitable reference was made to them in the Church calendar. One minister showed the Fact Sheet to his congregation and commended it.

The Committee feels greatly encouraged by the reception accorded this campaign, and by the returns already reported, and would thank all for their co-operation which, if continued, will bring about the desired result.

The Formosan W. M. S.

This article has been contributed by Mrs. Bella Koa, daughter of the late Dr. George Leslie Mackay.

IT is now ten years since our Formosa W.M.S. was organized, so this is our tenth anniversary. We look back over the years with grateful hearts and remember the day when Miss Adair made the suggestion, ''Why should we not organize a W.M.S. and have Bible women?'' So after a few days, she and I went to the homes of the pastors, preachers, elders, and deacons of the city churches, telling their wives about the proposal, and meeting everywhere with approval.

After a week or so, these representatives of the three city churches met at Miss Adair's and she then opened the meeting. I read Acts 16: 1-5, and all sang, ''I To The Hills Will Lift Mine Eyes,'' and prayer followed. The matter of the organization of the W.M.S. was then discussed and all were very glad to have it formed. Officers, a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and six members of committee, were then appointed, and, through the Rev. Duncan McLeod, Presbytery was approached. They gave their approval to our raising funds yearly in the fall.

This, our organization day, was on November 27th, so that from 1922 on, we have tried to hold our annual meeting on that same day, except when it falls on a Sunday, or for some other reason it is unwise to hold to it.

The first year we had only one Bible woman working, but by the second year we had two. By the fourth year, we had three workers, and by the sixth year, four, one for only three months.

The same year a woman came to the Women's School to study, at the W.M.S. expense, to be a Bible woman. As we were in great need of a worker at that time, she did not take the full two year course at one time, but went out to work after four terms. (Just last week she received her diploma, after having completed the other two terms.)

During the seventh year, we had four workers, and Chi-oang, one of the aborigines, from the East Coast, we supported in the Women's School for two terms. Then she went back to work among her own people. Last year she planned to come back for more study, but she was not very well, so went home. When she was better again, we thought it wiser for her to keep on with her work for a while longer before taking further study, as she had groups here and there who were eager to learn and whom only she could teach. That same year, together with Mrs. Mackay and Mrs. Dickson, our W.M.S. planned a conference for Bible study, and the Bible women attended. They all enjoyed the week together, and felt the inspiration of united Bible study and prayer.

In the eighth year we had four Bible women at work, and three came to the Women's School for study, at our expense. One of these was a Hakka, a very promising young woman, who in the summer holidays worked among her own people, whose language is quite different from the usual Formosan, of course she spoke both. Alas! almost at the completion of her course she took ill and died in the Mackay Memorial Hospital. The other two only studied for a short time. One was not well and the other was very slow to learn. She was quite old and very faithful, but she became dispirited. Though not working for us, from time to time, we hear of her always using her humble gifts for the Master.

In the ninth year, we had five regular and five part-time Bible women. Two of these latter receive their salaries half from the Church and half from our W.M.S. One of these five part-time workers, whom we liked very much, she was so humble and so earnest, died a year ago.

This year we have the same number, five full-time and five part-time Bible women.

It was Mrs. Dickson who proposed that we seek out and employ these part-time Bible women. Our W.M.S. Executive were agreed, and we have found them to be very useful workers.

In April and September, of 1931, we had conferences, one in Daitotei, and one in Báng-kah, in which Mrs. Dickson helped greatly. The first conference lasted five days, and quite a number attended. Every afternoon, after four o'clock, we went out two by two and distributed leaflets and invited people to come to the evangelistic meetings which we had in the evenings. Many came. In September we had three days in Báng-kah. In spite of heavy rain the floor of the Church was quite well filled. During the summer, too, the Bible women attend the Preacher's Conference, and greatly enjoy hearing the various speakers and meeting so many workers.

Among other duties falling to our W.M.S. Executive, is the preparation of study material and also programmes for the Quarterly Missionary meetings, and sending these out to the different Auxiliaries. This year our studies have been on the Life of William Carey, which we asked Mrs. Mackay to translate for us. Last year we had the history of Livingstone. At the very beginning of our Society various missionaries contributed studies on the Church in Canada, the W.M.S. and its work, and the beginning of the work here. Again we took up the history of our Mission here, prepared in book form for the fiftieth anniversary. For next year we have again asked Mrs. Mackay to translate something for us. Probably it will be an introduction to the work of Judson in Burma, following as it does the work of Carey and the Serampore Brotherhood. Our women enjoy these studies, for so many had never even heard of such heroes, such as they have been studying. We also prepare and send out programmes for the Day of Prayer at Chinese New Year. This year (1933) it will fall about the last of January.

Our tenth annual meeting was held in the gymnasium of the Tamsui Girls' School, on November 29th. Delegates came from many places, all rejoicing together to celebrate the anniversary, and to give thanks to our Father, who has helped us throughout these ten years. All the Bible women gave good reports, showing progress all along the line. Chi-oang (the woman from the Taiyal tribe of aborigines) was very pleased to get the certificate from home, and expressed her pleasure and sent her thanks to the friends in Canada who made her a Life Member. Most eagerly she stretched out her hands to receive the Certificate. We all like her very much, she is so gentle in her ways, and so well poised.

One of the Bible women reported having been questioned by some policemen as to what she was teaching, and telling about. She told them she was teaching people to read Romanized writing, and telling about the Jesus doctrine. She told them about it, too. They nodded their heads, said "thank you," and walked off. She is not afraid to speak out for the truth. Her nephew is a pastor of a big church. The other day an elder was here and told us what good work she was doing.

When Mrs. Brown was here, and brought greetings from the Home Church, we had a welcome meeting for her, as part of the Jubilee celebrations. All were very happy that day to have the representative sent by the Mother Church, in our midst. The occasion will long be remembered by every one who was present.

The W. M. S. Auxiliary at Jhansi, India

By One of the Members

THE W.M.S. Auxiliary at Jhansi, India, is a comparatively new one, having been organized late in 1930, at the request of some of our Indian Christian women, for a meeting where they could have Christian fellowship and study the village work. It was difficult, at first, to get the women to understand that all were welcome to the meetings, as they insisted in the idea that only those engaged in active work were welcome. In 1931, the school teachers began to take an active part in the meetings and this greatly increased the attendance and interest.

There are four officers connected with this organization, President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Their work is the same as that of those holding similar offices at home. One great difficulty, however, was to get the Treasurer to be willing to assume the responsibility of handling the funds of the Society, but, at last, that has been overcome.

The meeting is held usually on the first Wednesday of the month, in one of the rooms of the Orphanage. Those attending are accompanied by several small children who do not add to the quietness of the service, but the distribution of a few candies tends to secure silence during the meeting.

The meeting is opened with the singing of a hymn, and prayer offered by the President. It is then given over to the speaker who follows out her programme, and choice of hymns, etc. After the speaker has delivered her message, the President then announces who is responsible for the next meeting, the business is attended to, and the offering taken, after which come the closing hymn and prayer.

During the first two years their offerings for the work were very good, then they began to decline in their givings, and the missionaries felt that they, personally, were helping too much, so they left the financial side altogether to the members, and it seemed to have an excellent effect.

Up to 1933, they held themselves responsible for two junior workers, who reported their village activities monthly, to the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary also took a real interest in the building of the Jhansi Church, and donated a beautiful pulpit towards the furnishings of the Church.

Their attitude toward the work has been one of interest, but not to the extent we would like. They enjoy the opportunity of coming together, and some of the addresses which have been given have been exceptionally good. Two, in particular, I remember, ''The Source of Our Christian Religion,'' and ''Our Responsibility as Light Bringers.''

The past has not been all that we expected or desired, but we hope, in the future, to be more consecrated to the Master's service, to be an Auxiliary that He can use for the spread of His Gospel, and the extension of His Kingdom throughout India and elsewhere; to so live that our influence will be felt in the community, and in our own homes, but greater still to be channels through which the Master can bring others to the true light, to enjoy Christ in all His fullness.

THANK YOU, KIND FRIENDS

The request of Mrs. W. H. Fletcher, Supply Secretary, for a sewing machine has met with a generous response, two being offered. One went to our New Liskeard Residence, the other to our South Porcupine Hospital.

Chinese Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, Victoria, B. C.

MISS GERTRUDE SCOTT

THE Chinese Presbyterian Church in Victoria is fortunately located in the heart of the district where the Chinese homes are to be found, and is, therefore, very much a Church for families. The service on Sunday morning is attended largely by the mothers and their children, and the evening service sees not a few of the husbands whose duties kept them from attending in the mornings, so the Auxiliary of the W.M.S. formed by the women of the Church is a very important organization in helping the growth of Christian Chinese homes.

Last year there were fifteen members in the Auxiliary, and meetings were held once a month, usually in the home of Rev. M. F. Leung. The meetings were well attended and absence was almost always for a very good reason.

There are several limitations to be considered. About six of the members can read enough Chinese to manage the Scripture passages, and two who read and speak English well have very little knowledge of Chinese characters. Miss Lee is helping greatly by giving lessons every afternoon for an hour, to as many members as she can, in Bible reading. Of course, all speak Chinese, so understand what is read and explained to them.

The meeting is conducted entirely in Chinese, with the exception of the minutes, which are written and read in English and then translated. One member, who plays the piano, chooses the hymns for each meeting and they are sung very sweetly to old familiar tunes.

Efforts were made throughout the year to interest new members, and some visitors were present at more than one meeting, so it is hoped an increased membership will result. In August, Miss Lee held a meeting in her room, where there were twenty crowded in, and a very splendid programme conducted. Another fine gathering was held in the spring at the home of Mrs. Chan Dune, when six ladies from St. Andrew's W.M.S. visited the Auxiliary, and Mrs. MacDonald, Presbyterial President, spoke to the women.

The supply contributions, which consisted of nightgowns, underwear, stockings and toilet articles, were promptly and cheerfully given, and showed careful shopping.

Miss Grace Lee was President last year and was re-elected for this year. The Secretary, Mrs. Walter Lee, understands both English and Chinese, so wrote her minutes in English and translated them into

Chinese for the benefit of those members who did not know English. Mrs. Wong Sing has been the very efficient Treasurer for several years. **The Auxiliary reached its allocation for the year, in spite of the need for very stringent economy in the homes of a number of the members.** This meant a real effort and a little sacrifice, but it was done gladly.

Several good friends from the W.M.S. of other Presbyterian Churches have been welcomed at a number of meetings and have helped foster a friendly spirit. These ladies have more than once remarked on the harmonious way in which the Chinese women conduct their meetings and the atmosphere of happy friendship.

A real work is being done by this band of women in promoting Christian life. They stand behind their children, encouraging them to join in the Church life, and give them homes where God is found.

The North Formosa Women's Missionary Society

TENTH ANNUAL MEETING

Miss Margaret Ramsay

NOVEMBER 27th, has a very special place in the hearts of our Formosan Christian women, for, it was on that day, in 1922, that the Formosan Women's Missionary Society was first organized.

This year, however, owing to the fact that the 27th of November was a Sunday, it was decided to hold the annual meeting on Tuesday, November 29th. At the meeting in 1931, the women of Tamsui congregation invited the members to hold the 1932 meeting in their church, hoping that the new church in Tamsui would be completed by then. However, their hope wasn't realized, so the meeting was held in the gymnasium of the Girls' School.

Early in the morning the women began to gather from the nearby churches, and some from the more distant ones. One old lady arrived carrying a few dozen live crabs tied to a long string, which she explained she hadn't had the opportunity of buying for years, so had taken the advantage of her early walk through Tamsui streets to purchase this delicacy.

The meeting opened with words of welcome from the President, Mrs. Tan, in which she mentioned that in this the 60th Anniversary year of the founding of the Mission, it gave them great happiness to celebrate the 10th Anniversary year of the Women's Missionary Society. ''To those of us who have been members from its very beginning, this is a time of thanksgiving to God, who has prospered this Society through all these years.'' Throughout the year, a study of the life of ''Carey in India'' had been made in the different churches.

Then followed the singing of a hymn, the Scripture reading and prayer, after which the Secretary read the minutes of the last annual meeting.

Mrs. Chiong, wife of the pastor of Tamsui Church, then welcomed all the delegates and hoped that even although they didn't have a new church to welcome them to, this meeting would be a very successful and happy one. Following this Mrs. D. Wilkie sang, "I love to tell the Story," which was much enjoyed.

Pastor Chiong of Tamsui, was called on, and he chose for his talk, "The Annointing of Jesus by Mary." To the many people gathered around Jesus at that time, this act was one of wastefulness, but, to the one who did it, it was the pouring out of all she had, to show her love for the Master. And the Master commended her for doing this. So must we, as women, who wish to show our love for Christ,—give our all to Him in service.

Tenth Anniversary of the North Formosan Women's Missionary Society, Tamsui, November 29, 1932

Mrs. Koa then gave a history of the Women's Missionary Society, which now has a membership of about four hundred.

Continuing with the programme, an anniversary hymn, written especially for this meeting by Pastor Siau, of Tamwui, was sung. A very literal translation is given below,—

"The motive for organizing the W.M.S.
Was to give salvation to all people,
The work done seems to have taken a short time,
Until suddenly we realized we have continued for ten years.

In the beginning the members were few,
But near or far, everyone worked hard to find more,
Ever trusting in the Saviour to prosper it.
So that Society would bring glory to Him.

Remembering God's great mercy,
We must worship Him without ceasing,
Working together to win the race,
Determined not to rest by the way.

May the Holy Spirit help us to be more diligent,
That day by day our strength may be increased,
Our hearts happy and our feet clever at walking,
Leading many people towards the heavenly city.''

Then followed the reports of three of the Bible women, one being Chi Oang, who when she had finished speaking, was presented with a Life Membership—the gift of friends in Canada.

Pastor Tan, Moderator of Presbytery, then brought greetings from Presbytery. He also congratulated the women in achieving something the Church had long hoped to do, that of having a worker among the tribespeople on the east coast.

After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. Mackay gave a talk on Prayer. She stressed the great need we all had for continual fellowship through prayer with the Father. The Formosan Church needs the prayers of the Canadian Church, and the Canadian Church needs the prayers of the Formosan Church. If we here in Formosa pray in the daytime for the Church here and at home, and the Church in Canada does likewise, then because of the difference in time between the East and West, continual prayer will be made for each other, and in so doing, surely we can hope for God's blessing and approval.

The morning session was then closed with prayer. After lunch, prepared by the Tamsui women, the annual picture of the Society was taken.

The afternoon session opened with a hymn and prayer followed by the election of officers. The special anniversary hymn was sung again for the benefit of those who were not present at the morning session.

Four Bible women then gave reports of their year's work. Some of them spoke at great length, but in all, it was most interesting to hear about the work in the different centres.

Because of our nearness to the Girls' School, the girls were able to delight us with a chorus, ''Bringing in the Sheaves.'' After a season of prayer in which three or four members took part, the Treasurer gave her report. Then, with the singing of a hymn and prayer, the President, Mrs. Tan, declared the 10th annual meeting of the North Formosa Women's Missionary Society at an end.

Chinese W.M.S., Vancouver

MISS RUTH YEANDLE

WHEN you hear the word ''Chinese'', of what do you think? Pagodas, perhaps, or gay embroidered silks, incense, or your vegetable man? Some may think of a child they have seen. Probably none will think of a Chinese woman. Most people know very little of Chinese women in China, and less of those in Canada. If you knew them you would love them. Let me tell you a little about a few of them.

There are two classes of Chinese women, those who were either born here or came when they were children, and those who came after they had reached adult life. The former, of course, speak English as well as we do. They have learned in school and through association with our young people, our ways of living. While life here has problems for them, they are not the problems of the woman who has come from the home-land in adult life. The latter do not speak English. Our stores, our houses, our furniture, our laws, are strange to them. Their husbands, who have usually been here before them, know enough English to carry on their business but do not consider it necessary that their wives should learn English. Thus they are often lonely. Even the children going to school, speak a good deal in English and the mother cannot take part in all the life of her child. Many cannot even read Chinese. Besides this, there is a natural shyness and exclusiveness about the Chinese that prevents them from mixing with strangers even from their own country.

The workers of the W.M.S., visit these homes. They become acquainted with the women and help them in any way they can. Especially they tell them of the Friend Who is confined to no one country and Who loves them so much that He died for them. But there are many families to visit and it is sometimes a long time between calls. And so, about two years ago, it was decided to hold a meeting once a month for women. The purpose would be three-fold: first, that they might hear the Gospel message and come to the Lord Jesus Christ; second, that they might meet one another and make new friends; and third, that an offering might be made to the Society which is seeking to help them and their children.

There has been a good response to this. A number attend the meetings and some who cannot come have asked if they might help in some other way. The meeting consists of hymns, prayer, Bible reading and a Gospel message, followed by a cup of tea, sandwiches and cake, provided in turn by the various Auxiliaries of the W.M.S. in Vancouver.

The results are both seen and unseen. A feeling of friendliness is created. The workers are enabled to return, in a small way, the hospitality shown them in the homes. A cup of tea together makes a new bond. Members of the Auxiliaries who attend get to know a few Chinese women. These are unseen results but very real nevertheless. Then there are some of the women who, having attended and enjoyed the monthly meeting, are now found in Mrs. Yeung's Bible Class on Sunday. And there has been one who has given her heart to the Lord Jesus and who was baptized last Easter. There are others whom the Lord would have. Why have they not accepted? Is it because some one did not pray? The forces of evil are strong. Let us put on the heavenly armor, ''praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance,'' that by all means some may be saved. These women are dear to Him Whom we call Lord and Master, shall we not do all in our power to bring them to Him?

The Mistawasis Missionary Society

MRS. J. W. MOORE

ALL our members, except myself, are Indian women. I am as one of themselves.

Thirty years ago I was in the Chief's house, and after he had given me a résumé of his life, he said, ''We Indians do not give our confidential conversations to white people but you are to us as one of ourselves.'' In those days my cup of happiness was full. I had my home and my little ones white (my own), and Indians (my little boarders) and when the day's toil was over I had a larger family on the reserve.

One of our older Indians who is over seventy years of age has just finished writing a book in Cree, which he intends to leave to his descendents as a compendium of the arts and manners of their progenitors. This book is deliciously interspersed with tales and legends, as well as historic occurrences of their tribe. I must not pass by our Chief, who is almost eighty and still a giant in intellect, and integrity unimpeachable.

It is really difficult to write of the Women's work as distinct from the general Church work, as the men are equally interested in the W.M.S. work with the women and without the co-operation of the men our work could hardly be carried on, in fact, all our work is generally discussed by all. In explanation of this I shall give you a little example incidental to our work.

The first Secretary we had would have done credit to any Society and, though her minutes and reports did not bear the stamp of our conventionalities, they were clever, original, and apt, as well as very accurate and definite. She was a tower of strength to me. However, true to the peculiarities of their race, the rest of the women became jealous and demanded that she be dismissed and some other of their number be given her place of honor. I told them that they must either prove her unfit or wait until our annual meeting, when they would have an opportunity of choosing whom they wished. Shortly afterwards one of our ''male members'' approached me and told me that we must either dismiss Mrs. Brass or else every other woman would leave the Society. I told him I had neither the power nor desire to do so as I believed their only reason was that she was too efficient. However, I thought it best to tell Mrs. Brass what they were clamoring for, and, as far as I knew, I gave her their reason, and she told them at the next meeting that she had dismissed herself. She has never met with us since. Our next Secretary shared somewhat the same fate, she also was a very clever woman.

Then, too, our men often supply us with the fruit of their guns and cartridges for our annual suppers and turn out with their families to replenish our treasury.

I think the most noteworthy act that I can relate of any of our members under the present conditions and straits is, that one of our members on receiving a mite box and reading the appeal brought it back in a few days with the required number of pennies in it. It is usually the appeal from the Mission that is responsible for money being sent outside of the reserve as they can see abundant opportunities of using it all amongst themselves. I am writing now of the spirit manifested at our meetings, so you can understand a little of what constitutes our work and how tactful we must try to be in making our appeals and allotments.

As to the books they read, the men are great readers of any books they can get into their hands, but the women love books of Bible stories, which they can read to their little ones at bedtime.

I must mention one very important matter. Only one woman or girl on the whole reserve, and no men or boys, can play tunes on an organ, so that when the girls come home from the various boarding schools, educated by the Government and Church, not one of them can play the tunes on the organ, and they are naturally a religious people and passionately fond of music.

Usefulness is the rent we are asked to pay for the room we occupy on earth, and some of us are in debt.

God, what a world, if men in street and mart
Felt the same kinship of the human heart
Which makes them, in the face of fire and flood,
Rise to the meaning of true brotherhood.

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

The "Presbyterian All People's Mission" Auxiliary

Mrs. Mary Mackenzie

The Gonor W.M. Auxiliary, but let me here digress, and let all who read note that I wish our Society and Church would cease using the term "Gonor" and designate us "The Presbyterian All People's Mission," R.R. 4, Winnipeg, Manitoba. By so doing there would cease all miscarriage in mail delivery and no delay. Our old meeting place which we vacated in 1930 when the new Church was ready, was in Gonor district, but now we are situated midway between the two school districts of Gonor and Kitchener, and, at least, 3 miles north of Gonor Post Office. For express and freight, Selkirk is still our terminus.

OUR Auxiliary may be said to owe its existence to the gradual evolution of a Christian Endeavor Society, devoting the first Friday of each month to a strictly missionary programme, and introducing a Bank for receiving an offering. Boys and girls as well as several adult women attended regularly and contributed to the monthly offering, which found its way at regular intervals into the coffers of the Presbyterial. From 1922 to June, 1925, some $139.00 had been contributed. We had, in the interval, added to our usefulness, an industrial department, and we had to use a percentage of the offerings to provide material for our needles. This eventually returned with interest as we found ready sale for our finished goods and not at any time, then or now, when we still keep up this method of increasing our givings, did we ever have to have recourse to a bazaar.

In June, 1925, we organized as a regular Mission Band, the following were the officers and, from the names which I give, you will understand the cosmopolitan nature of our membership, which then numbered 19, six being boys. *Leader*—The Missionary; President, Mrs. Mazuka; Secretary and Assistant—Miss Olga Kordiak, and Helen Rapko; Treasurer—Miss A. Innes; Sports Committee—Misses Lily Kreviaczuk and A. Babisky and Roy Rowe.

In 1927, a request came from a few of the mothers that an Auxiliary be organized, so they could hold their meetings in the afternoons. This was effected early in that year with a membership of 11. The first Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m., was chosen for our missionary meeting, the intervening Wednesdays for work meetings, with one of our number as a reader, so that as fingers were busy, ears were alert and tongues silent to the mutual benefit and uplift of all.

In 1929, an amalgamation was effected between the Auxiliary and the

Band. A number of the Band members had left school, and others had moved to the city, hence we have our Auxiliary as it stands to-day, 25 members strong, composed of both new and old Canadians, and all co-operating heartily in advancing the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom both at home and abroad. The consecrated needle still plays an important, indeed an all-important part in the raising of our funds. And for its success in the past, we have been greatly indebted to Mrs. Robson for keeping us supplied with the raw material, and this year a donation of $20.00 from Mrs. Fletcher, the Council Supply Secretary, which by the blessing of the Master will ensure an abundant return by the end of 1933. Meantime, we have a number of juveniles about ready to organize as a Band. Saturday is their day of meeting, when we spend two hours every afternoon profitably together, and they give promise of not only excelling in handicraft but as songsters.

In looking over the Treasurer's books, I find since the year 1922, when the inception of missionary education was undertaken, to the end of 1932, the books show a total giving of $72.98 per year.

Auxiliary Members to be, taken at door of meeting place

Okanase Indian Reserve Auxiliary

MRS. R. PATERSON

WE have an Auxiliary of the W.M.S., on the Okanase Indian Reserve. It was organized two years ago by Miss Buckley, now of the Rolling River Reserve. She and Miss Blackwell, of the staff of the Birtle Indian School, were making a tour of the Reserves between the time when the old school was condemned as unsafe, and the opening of the new school. They lived some weeks on each reserve, gathering the children, who were at that time out of school, into the Church and teaching them. They also visited the different homes, thus getting acquainted with the parents and the environment. It was then they organized the Auxiliary officered by the Indian women. The meetings, I understand, were rather irregular but some hard work was undertaken.

When we took up the work here, on September 15th, a year later, the meetings were continued with, I hope, profit to us all. When the new officers were elected for 1932, they honored me by making me **President,** and since then we have met every month. We have our difficulties but the interest has kept up and the attendance has been good. At one meeting there were sixteen women and ten children of various ages. The babies in arms can be kept there but the others—well perhaps you can imagine the various fond mothers chasing them up and doing their best to maintain order. We speak of Indians as being stoical—the children certainly are not. If they cannot speak English they can cry as well as a white baby and in very good English too. These women love music and one of the number plays the organ, by ear, and they all sing, some in Cree and some in English, which, by the way, is not at all confusing or unpleasant. We let them choose their own hymns, and sometimes one of them will read the Scripture lesson and the older women will lead in prayer. I usually tell a missionary story which is interpreted by the Secretary, and listened to with interest. When the meeting is over, various bundles are untied, the lid taken off a very smoky pail and we have refreshments, each drinking from her own cup. And then, do they visit? During the warm weather the meetings are held in the Church, but in the winter they come to the Mission House and drink tea from my cups. They notice everything—a new cushion or mat or curtain or photo—their remarks being in Cree, of course.

Our hearts go out in sympathy to these dear people, they are so poor, and their homes are so bare and comfortless, some having only a wee box stove for baking for a whole family. They make only bannocks unless they happen to live near some one who has an oven, then they carry their bread over and bake it there. There are very few cows here, so the little children drink tea—straight. Poor little things! We try to supplement the lack by giving them cod liver oil *ad. lib.* Another of my duties is to dispense the medicines sent by the Indian Department at Ottawa. And how they love medicine! castor oil and magnesium sulphate are great favorites, also cough medicines and liniments.

This year, we notice the Indians are active, getting out wood and selling it in exchange for trade. The women are quite clever at making moccasins and all kinds of beaded work, for which there is now no sale. Some of them do beautiful knitting and sewing. W.M.S. members would enjoy seeing some of the ''bale'' stuff cut down and made into small suits, dresses and windbreakers. Quite often they have no thread or needle, but the Mission House supplies the lack. One woman (I never think of them as squaws) borrowed a darning needle, and six months afterwards, she still had it—hidden, she told me, in the lining of her hat.

We have four members of the Auxiliary who read English and subscribe for the *Glad Tidings.* The quilt was finished and displayed at the Thank-offering meeting in November, then sent on to the Supply Secretary.

We had such a good crowd at our Thankoffering meeting. The women suggested that the meeting be held in the evening and that the men be invited and that lunch be served. The Church was filled, planks on chairs receiving the overflow. The children were happy, singing two choruses besides other items. But what I enjoyed was a hymn in Cree, led by old David Burns, assisted by all the old people who had been taught it long ago by the first missionary, George Flett. The quavering old voices were very sweet to my ears. Then Mr. Paterson gave an address and the offering was taken and dedicated. This surprised us all. Envelopes had been given out on the Sunday previous and every *nickel* had one. The offering amounted to $12.74, and we felt like singing and we did, ''Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.''

I wish you could have seen the happy faces when the bales of supplies arrived. Of course, there were some who were dissatisfied, just like white folk, but, on the whole, there was satisfaction. The bales this year were much smaller, but I explained that much help had been sent to the dried out areas in western Canada. The yarn was knitted up into socks, etc., for the wee folks and mitts for the men, the cuffs sent adorn the wrists of almost all the men, and the necks are wound round with the mufflers.

An Outpost Auxiliary

MRS. E. A. WRIGHT, GRANDE PRAIRIE, ALTA.

IT was not because of what we *were,* but because of what we believed we *might be,* that we formed an Auxiliary in Grande Prairie, Alberta. As we looked at ourselves we were few, inexperienced and untalented, but we believed the Lord could use even us to be a blessing. We felt, too, that we were debtors, as we considered what had been done for us. Our comfortable, nicely furnished little Church, and through it, many blessings, had come to us because there were men and women, unknown to us, who thought of others. We longed to pass on the good things that had been given to us.

We have six members, and an average attendance of four. Our givings last year amounted to $18.60. Our meetings are most informal, for we don't know much about procedure nor the Constitution of the Society. We hope some day we shall, but, in the meantime, perhaps those are not the matters of first importance.

We find the study books too advanced for us—we are only in the primer class yet. Last year we learned about our National Missions, and found the studies most interesting. Most of us had been entirely ignorant of the varied work and interests of the W.M.S., but we have all agreed that they are most deserving of support and we are happy to help them on by our gifts and prayers.

Birdtail Auxiliary

Mrs. H. T. White, who writes this, is the wife of the missionary on the Birdtail Reserve.

VERY few of the women of the W.M.S. of the Birdtail Reserve speak or understand English and I do not speak their language. They meet in each other's homes every Thursday during the winter when the weather is not too severe but discontinue the meetings during the summer. At their Auxiliary meeting they read a portion of scripture, pray and sing some hymns. They do not take up an offering or do any work for missions, neither can they study missionary literature. At present, only five women are able to meet and they are all very, very poor.

Mrs. Bear-Bull was here about a week ago and she told me of a visit she paid to a neighboring Reserve. The missionary's wife had started them on some needlework for missions, but the women did not understand and were working away busily, thinking they were going to be paid for their work. Mrs. Bear-Bull said, "I had to explain to them that the work they were doing was to help other people and to raise some money for missions. I told them they should be glad to do it so as to make a name for themselves, their Church and their W.M.S." Mrs. Bear-Bull speaks good English and writes very well. I believe she has been through the Birtle School and now has three children studying there.

It is hard to get to know the women but they always smile and look pleased when I go to see them and they sent me a gift at Christmas.

VEGREVILLE'S GIFTS TO MISSIONS

"CONSIDERING the depression our W.M.S. and Mission Band did not do too badly. We sent $83.85 for missions, and $9.00 last January towards the Budget of the Church, in response to our Moderator's appeal, and $1.50 from mite-boxes we got in October, making a total of $94.35. We had one Life Member."—*Mrs. A. Robertson.*

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

EASTER is in the air, and to Church members all the world over, the coming of Easter in the spring time, inspires us to remember that great time of Resurrection with song and story. For Mission Bands and Junior pageants some splendid new books have arrived. Send for your needs early, because the supply is often limited.

STANDARD EASTER BOOK No. I, contains a pageant, ''The Risen Christ,'' tableau, playlets and poems. It is an excellent Easter selection. Price per copy, 35c. For those who want the pageant ''The Risen Christ'' separately, they come at 10c. each. This is an excellent pageant for Young People to put on.

THEIR EASTER CHALLENGE is a flower pageant for Juniors, in which the girls dress as flowers. Boys are in this, but they do not use costumes. 35c. per copy.

EASTER TREASURY contains recitations, exercises, drills, dialogues, etc., for the Juniors. This book contains many attractive selections. Price 35c. per copy.

FROM GLOOM TO GLORY, by Rev. P. Cundy, is a beautiful little play which takes twenty-five minutes. Ten characters are required. With some choral selections, it would make a nice programme. Price 10c.

THROUGH DARKNESS TO LIGHT is another pageant for Young People or Adults bringing out splendid dramatic possibilities. Price per copy, 20c. Send for a copy. If not required it may be returned, and money will be refunded.

Thank-offering Leaflets

''Not Mine But Thine,'' a little story.

''Mrs. Morgan's Quarter,'' a little story.

''Not Omitting the Fourth Stanza,'' also a little story, which would make an excellent reading. The above are 3c. each.

New Books

EASTER, by Prof. Phelps, is a new book beautifully bound in mauve, with gold lettering. This handsome gift book contains the origin, influence and story of Easter. ''The Resurrection,'' he says, ''makes the best news the world has ever known.'' The price is only 85c. per copy.

''RE-THINKING MISSIONS'' EXAMINED, by Dr. E. R. Speer, is a close, well-informed examination of the Commission of Appraisal Report. This should be in every library. Price 60c.

JIG-SAW PUZZLES in Missionary Pictures—jolly and interesting. 30c. each.

PAUL THE DAUNTLESS, by Basil Mathews, is a story of Paul with all the vivid imagery of which only this author is capable. Price $1.50.

THE YOUNG REVOLUTIONIST, by Pearl S. Buck, is an excellent book for Young People or Young Women's Auxiliaries to read. It was written at the request of the Friendship Press. Price per copy, $1.50. It tells of Chinese youth blindly groping for ideals and a religious faith which would help build a new China.

THE FOUR MARYS would make such a beautiful Easter gift, that we cannot refrain from listing it again. Price $1.50.

CRAFTSMEN ALL, 60c.

THE CLASH OF WORLD FORCES, 60c.

THE QUEST OF NATIONS, 75c.

These are three good titles for Missionary reading. These and others suggested in your study book, ''The Seven Seas of Service,'' should make a comprehensive winter reading course, which would give members a wide knowledge of world affairs.

5000 FACTS ABOUT CANADA, compiled by Frank Yeigh, is, as the name implies, an interesting little book listing much interesting information on the country including religious facts of the various denominations. Price 35c.

Order, if possible, through your Literature Secretary.

Prayer

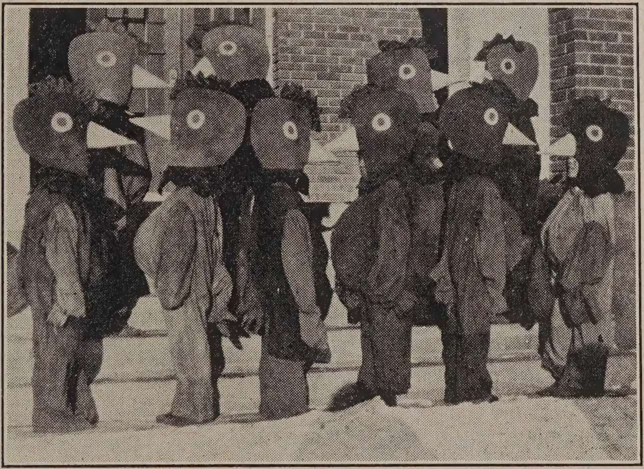
OUR God and Father, we come into Thy presence to offer unto Thee our thanksgiving and to make confession of our short-comings and failures. Pardon, we beseech Thee, insincerity in our life or half-heartedness in our service, and forgive us where we have been selfish or unkind in thought, word or deed. We thank Thee for Thy many gifts to us, for health and reason, for home and friends and, most especially, for the gift of Thy Son, our Redeemer. We would lift our hearts in gratitude to Thee for our Church with all her avenues of service. Prosper, we pray Thee, her workers in the homeland and in lands across the sea. Preserve them from all harm and richly bless their ministry. Be with the sad, the lonely, the anxious and the discouraged. Quiet, we entreat Thee, the world's unrest. Make us more faithful to the missionary work with which Thou hast entrusted us, and enlarge our understanding of the new tasks awaiting us in this new day. Help us, each one, according to her power, to work diligently and to give liberally for the advance of Thy Kingdom. Give wisdom to those who have charge of the planning for the Annual Meetings, and a special message to the speakers. Build us all up in faith and love, and unity and holiness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Letter Extracts

Birtle Indian Residential School

"OUR Christmas concert was a great success. The drills were very good indeed, especially the Rooster drill—this seemed to make a great hit with the Indian parents and friends. We also had a camp fire scene which was very pretty—a fire was arranged with red lights and wood on the platform—all the lights were put out and a number of the pupils sat around playing mouth organs and singing songs.

We had a big crowd of Indians, most of them staying a few days, visiting with their children and attending the Sunday services. One old man, Chief Rattlesnake, drove over one hundred miles to be with his grandchildren for a few days. He has six grandchildren in our school. We asked him to speak the night of the concert and he made a very fine speech in his own tongue. He stayed a few days, then drove back over the hundred miles again. Quite a number came sixty miles, others twenty-five and twenty. The Indians and the children had a wonderful dinner.



Little Boys at Birtle School in Rooster Drill

We as a staff do not get much time for our own affairs during the Christmas season, but on Saturday night, after the children were in bed, we met and had our own wee tree and exchanged gifts and had a very happy evening together, ending up with a nice lunch."—*Mrs. H. B. Currie.*

WE have had a very busy but a very happy year. We have a very splendid staff and we all work together with one aim in view—to make good Christian men and women of our boys and girls. We feel that we have accomplished a good deal since coming into our splendid building and have something to show for all our hard work. Our boys and girls, too, get a much better training, both in the classroom, on the farm and in the different departments in the home.

In several cases, we have had the satisfaction of knowing, from our own observation and from the Indian Agent's report, that our ex-pupils are making good when they leave school and settle on their Reserves. Two of our pupils who married two years ago are reported as having made more progress in those two years than their parents have made in a lifetime. They have built a home, keep it clean and tidy, bought horses, keep chickens and pigs and stay at home and look after things. If they would all start out for themselves in homes of their own, it would be so much better, but in most cases the girl goes into the home with her husband's parents and, instead of going forward the young couple are dragged down.

Kitchen Helpers at Birtle with the Children's Fruit Cake

We found this summer when we went to the Reserves to gather up the children that in every case they were ready and anxious to return. So many of the mothers spoke of how the senior girls while at home kept everything so clean. One mother said to me how proud she was of her girl and she hoped she would grasp every chance we were giving her for an education and training, that she might be an example to her Reserve, and take her place in the world with the white girl. We do see a great improvement in our girls and they have a desire to make something of themselves now. —*(Mrs. H. B.) Mary Currie, Birtle.*

Presbyterian All People's Mission

"A VERY enjoyable Christmas Rally took place in our W.M.S. Church on the evening of December 23rd, when 31 girls, most of whom had been present at the summer camp, hired a bus, and with their leaders journeyed from the city through snow and cold and put on a most seasonable and unique programme to a packed audience. The hearty encores testified to the appreciation of the listeners. Mr. Wallace, a Sunday School Superintendent of St. John's Presbyterian Church, made a very acceptable chairman. Mrs. Hutchison, Provincial W.M.S. President, took part in the opening devotional exercises. Two numbers were contributed by local talent,—a Christmas hymn by a picked band of junior girls, and a solo, in English, by Mrs. Dancinar, and, in answer to a hearty encore, "Holy Night" in German. The prime movers in this 'friendly gesture' were Miss L. Hyde, who was the beloved efficient camp mother in July, and Miss M. Todd and her lieutenants. Miss Todd, while the brain and heart of the movement, kept herself much in the background. She only appeared on the platform to call Mrs. Mackenzie and Miss Innes there to receive a goodly box of delicious candy, a gift from their grandchildren begotten in July."—*Mrs. Mackenzie, R.R. 4, Winnipeg.*

"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School

"EVERYTHING opened up in A 1 condition and every article will find a needy place. We feel exceedingly grateful to your W.M.S. women, particularly in such times as these. I realize it is a great sacrifice on their part. Our school is filled, and everything is working along splendidly."—*E. W. Byers.*

Vegreville Residence

"WE have had such a lovely time unpacking the bale and we all thank our good friends of the Chatham Presbyterial for the lovely presents for our Christmas tree and also for the clothing. It was a wonderful bale and we do need it all this year.

We have 17 girls and 14 boys in the Residence at present. One of our little girls came from the Battle River country. She was 48 miles from a school so her grandmother with whom she lived sent her down to us to go to school. We have a pair of twins in our Residence, little Scotch lassies from the Orkney Islands. They are eight years old and lived 5 miles from the nearest school, not 12 miles from Vegreville.

Among the boys we have the twins' little brother aged twelve years. Our two youngest boys are six and seven years old, one is a little Ukrainian and the other a French Canadian.

Two sisters of the little Ukrainian boy have been with us two years and have committed to memory the Primary Catechism, and the whole of the Sunday School Memory Course, and are beginning the Shorter Catechism. I have six little boys under ten years of age ready for the Primary Catechism Certificate, two older boys ready for the Shorter Catechism Certificate and two boys are ready for the large Certificate for Memory Course. They love these Certificates, so work hard in order to receive them.''—*Mrs. A. Robertson.*

Meat Instead of Money

"YOU should see our outside store-room. No butcher shop has anything on us. We even have variety—beef, pork, lamb, mutton, veal, turkeys, geese, ducks and chickens, and yesterday a man told me he was going to send us a deer. He had been away up north shooting. We also bought fifty pounds of Cold Lake trout. They were such a bargain I could not pass them up. They were about 6½ cents per lb., and it is only in winter that we can get fish cheap or keep it. Last year I paid the same man 12 cents per lb. He drives down over 100 miles with them, and they are fresh caught, only frozen.

A lady in Edmonton gave Mrs. McQueen some money to buy something for the Residences, so I suggested Bibles as we needed them, and we got ten.''—*Mrs. A. Robertson, Vegreville.*

''The Farm'', Jhansi, December 20th

"THE weather has been very delightful here for over a month, bright sunny days and cold nights. The flowers, humming-birds, butterflies and little song birds seemed lovely when we first arrived. We had such a happy welcome back, and I have been happy ever since just doing little things to help here and there.

The Big Day is to be here this year on the 26th inst. Food will be provided for five hundred people. Nearly every one turns up at Christmas time. Our women are always busy some time before, making new frocks for their children and getting their houses cleaned up in readiness for the influx from the boys' and girls' schools.

At noon to-day, we are invited to a Christmas entertainment in Jhansi city not far from the large door in the old city wall through which we go from here to enter the city. When we go to our Mission compound, however, we go around through the jungle another way. Miss Lawton, who is an independent worker in the city has two good schools there, and always has attractive Christmas entertainments.

To-morrow evening there is to be the one at the other school, but it is a purdah one—no men will be allowed in.

This evening at 5 p.m., will be the one at our own girls' school, and we hope to go to that as well as the one at noon.

Dec. 26th. Two motor lorries brought out some of the Jhansi people. There were sports in the forenoon. Service was held at 1.30 p.m., north of our bungalow, the speakers standing on the verandah and the people sitting on large durries on the ground. They stayed in the same place for the Khana which began about 3 p.m. We invited the other missionaries of Jhansi also, and quite a number came for the afternoon. Our own missionaries came in the forenoon. Five of our Christian men were commissioned to look after the feast. They hired men and large cooking vessels from Jhansi city. They bought 11 goats, 400 lbs. rice, 70 lbs. clarified butter, and all the spices, etc., that go with it. Some rice and other things were not used and were sold by auction this morning.''
—*Frances A. Hawtin.*

The Mistawasis Mission

"THE historic old mission on the Mistawasis Reserve has been the scene of much activity during the past year. The old church, an earnest reminder of the early sixties when there were very few white settlers on all these plains—still stands, but it has been found necessary to erect a new one. This is being done under difficulties, but all the Indians are doing their share by contributing in some way to its completion. The architect and builder are both Indians.

Christmas Sunday saw almost every resident of the Reserve out to hear the message of Rev. W. Moore. The choir under the direction of the Indian organist rendered their anthems and solos, which were much appreciated.''—*Mrs. Stewart.*

YOUNG WOMEN

THIS month will see us all making plans to meet our supply allocation for 1933. One way to create interest in this department of our work is to devote one of our programmes to the particular work or institution where our supplies will be used. If our allocation is hospital supplies, we would base our programme on our three W.M.S. Hospitals; if an outfit for a child, our programme would be on our Indian Residential Schools, or if a layette, we would prepare our programme on our Deaconesses. The new study book, "The Seven Seas of Service'' contains the information necessary for a programme of this kind. Supplemented by papers on any of the study book topics given in the programme suggested for each chapter, our programme would definitely link two avenues of service each may render as a member of a Young Women's Auxiliary, the gift of our hands and our offerings.

Through their Presbyterial Supply Secretary, three Young Women's Auxiliaries, of Toronto Presbyterial, had the joy of knowing their supplies brought comfort to some of our new Canadians in western Canada. The layette supplied by Milton Y.W.A., was sent to Mrs. Horne, in Saskatchewan, for western relief; the layette made by the members of Morningside Y.W.A., went to Dr. Margaret Strang for use in her district; and to Calvin Y.W.A., was given the opportunity of financing the freight charges and reconditioning an organ which was donated for Miss Jenkinson's Church.

Success Suggestions

Always work in a few items of news from our Mission fields into the meeting. Everyone is interested in hearing about people they support. As the first part of the study book is on our National work, this method could be used to keep before our members the work in our Overseas field.

You are living a Gospel!
A chapter each day.
By deeds that you do,
By words that you say.

Men read what you live,
Whether faithless or true;
So, what is the Gospel
According to you?—*Selected.*

—*F. D. Holman.*

The Time for Prayer

WHEN is the time for prayer?
With the first beams that light the morning sky;
Ere for the toils of day thou dost prepare,
Lift up thy thoughts on high;
Commend thy loved ones to His watchful care;
Morn is the time for prayer.

And in the noontide hour,
If worn by toil, or by sad cares oppressed
Then unto God thy spirit's sorrow pour,
And He will give thee rest;
Thy voice shall reach Him through the fields of air:
Noon is the time for prayer.

When the bright sun hath set,
While eve's warm colors deck the skies,
When with the loved at home again thou'st met,
Then let thy prayers arise;
For those who in thy joys and sorrows share,
Eve is the time for prayer.

And when the stars come forth—
When to the trusting heart sweet hopes are given,
And the deep stillness of the hour gives birth
To pure bright dreams of heaven;
Kneel to thy God — ask strength, life's ills to bear,
Night is the time for prayer.

When is the time for prayer?
In *every hour,* while life is spared to thee:
In crowds or solitude, in joy or care,
Thy thoughts should heavenward flee,
At home, at morn and eve, with loved ones there,
Bend thou the knee in prayer!

—*Author Unknown.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

NEW GIRLS' WORK SECRETARY

THE fact that Miss Jean Cowan has become Mrs. John Gowans Middleton, will be of interest to every girl and leader. The marriage took place in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Barrie, at high noon, January 28th. To the bride the occasion was made even happier by the knowledge that her successor in girls' work had been appointed recently by the Joint Committee of Sabbath Schools and W.M.S., and that her girls' organizations would have a new Secretary by June 1st.

Miss O. Mary Hill

And who is she? That is the question now uppermost. Who is the new Secretary to be? Like yourselves and some of your leaders, a one-time Canadian Girl in Training, Miss O. Mary Hill, of Verdun, Que. Miss Hill was born and brought up in Yarmouth, N.S., where she went to C.G.I.T. for nearly three years. Upon moving to Verdun, she became a group leader and is now completing her sixth year in that capacity. She has attended the Provincial Summer Camp and is on the Executive of the Montreal Leaders' Council, and so has a pretty thorough understanding of what is meant by ''girls' work''.

Educated at Trafalgar Institute, Montreal, and McGill University, Miss Hill received her B.A., degree from the latter in 1931, together with the Shakespeare Gold Medal for English Literature. Since that time she has been acting as an Assistant in the Department of English at McGill, and has been doing graduate work. ''I'm thinking a lot about it,'' she wrote in a letter to the Secretary. *It* meant the girls, and leaders, summer camps, field letters, programme suggestions, and the many other things which comprise this new piece of service for her Church. She is ready to do her part, and as in the past, the girls and leaders will give her their loyal co-operation.

W.M.S. AND PARTNERSHIP

SINCE this number of *Glad Tidings* is an Auxiliary number, mention should be made to the relationship between the Auxiliaries and Girls' Organizations. Affiliation is the term applied most frequently, but what is affiliation other than Partnership? Partnership is something entered into with an eye to progress and mutual benefit; progress in the undertaking of ''serving others'' and winning the ''World for Christ'', mutual benefit in the carrying out of respective programmes.

From the various reports, there have been listed some ways in which the partners helped each other during the past year.

The girls have acted in the capacity of ushers, tea-assistants and choristers for various Auxiliary activities. They have contributed also to the monthly meetings, by being responsible for a certain programme or by presenting missionary pageants or dramatizations. Magazines have been delivered to Home Helpers by the girls, and mite boxes were collected quarterly. Their own contributions to the Supply Department and to the Presbyterial Treasurer have gladdened the hearts of Auxiliary members; and their whole-hearted zeal in respect to the mite box scheme for assisting in the special campaign fund has been a real inspiration. ''A group of twenty girls made a contribution of $2.49 through the yellow mite boxes,'' one proud key woman boasted.

On the other hand, how well the Auxiliary members have played their part! In many instances they supplied the material for the group's first layette. Cakes and sandwiches for social occasions were provided as well as information for the missionary meetings. A quilt was pieced by a girls' organization but it was the Auxiliary which held the ''quilting bee''. Even summer camps were backed by certain Auxiliaries and more than one happy camper was outfitted. Reports have shown an increase of Auxiliary members visiting girls' organizations, while never a Mother and Daughter banquet but boasts a toast to the W.M.S., responded to by a member of the Senior Auxiliary.

Here's to them both, then, Partners in World Friendship! —*M.J.G.*

MISSION BANDS

HOW PUDGY SAVED HER MITE-BOX

PUDGY was not large, but very wise for her age. She was plump and round; her chestnut brown hair curled in ten tight curls around her head. Her eyes were also brown, and her nose was a little pudgy thing that made one want to pinch it. She had been christened Margaret Ann, but her father had called her Pudgy from the first time he had seen her.

At the supper table one night Pudgy said, ''Mummy, Mrs. Tate said that if I wanted to I could go to Sunday School and Church with her next Sunday, and they'll have lots of children there, and they tell you stories and everything.''

''Would you like to go?'' asked her mother.

''Oh, yes, Mummy, if you'll let me.''

''All right,'' agreed her mother.

It was a great event for her, and when she came home she told her mother all about it.

''It was just grand! The nicest little girls that put arms around you and everything. Little boys, too; one of 'em had blue eyes and one tooth out in front. Then at Church it is so quiet you can hear the thing inside of you going thump, thump. They sing songs, and a man up in front talks real loud. Can I go again?''

''You can if you like it so well and Mrs. Tate is willing to take you,'' assented her mother.

So Pudgy looked forward to Sunday.

Several Sundays later Pudgy came home and said, ''The Little Light Bearers are going to have a party next Wednesday, and if I bring a quarter I can join. I don't know what it's all about, but it's something like Sunday School, and Mrs. Tate will take me if I can go.''

On Tuesday evening as she put Pudgy to bed she laid a quarter on the dresser and reminded her of the party.

''Oh, yes,'' was the answer. ''I couldn't forget it, and I think that Light Bearers means that we'll play with little bears at the party.''

''I hardly think so,'' smiled her mother, as she bent to kiss her.

Wednesday came and Pudgy went to the party. When her mother came home from work she found her small daughter sitting on the doorstep with a little blue cardboard box on her lap.

During the evening meal Pudgy finished her story. ''Way over on the other side of the world there's lots and lots of little girls and boys that don't go to Sunday School, just like I used to not go. All the Light Bearers have boxes like mine, and they put pennies, nickels and dimes in them instead of buying chewing gum and candy. There's big mite-boxes for ladies like you, too. Can't I have a penny to start with?''

Early in April Mrs. Page came home early from work to find that the apartment house was on fire. People were hurrying in all directions, and men were following the orders shouted by the fire chief. She tried her best to help and nearly all of their belongings of any value were carried out of the burning building. Pudgy, frightened and amazed, was standing near Mrs. Tate. The firemen had pulled their ladders back, waiting for the roof to crumble, when Pudgy rushed from her mother's side into the burning building.

''Save my Pudgy!'' sobbed Mrs. Page.

The crowd waited, breathless, eager. A man started to follow her, and then in an instant she appeared, bright-eyed and smiling, with a little blue box in her hand, just as the roof fell! ''You forgot my mite-box, Mummy,'' she calmly explained.—*Junior Missionary Friend.*

DATES TO REMEMBER

Provincial Annual Meetings

Alberta.—First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, March 14th and 15th.

British Columbia.—Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, March 7th, 8th.

Manitoba.—Provincial meeting is not being held and instead, special speaker will visit all three Presbyterial Annual Meetings.

Ontario.—St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, April 25th, 26th and 27th.

Quebec.—Date to be announced later.

Saskatchewan.—First Church, Regina, March 21st and 22nd.

Enlarged Council Executive Meeting

Toronto, May 30th.

General Assembly

St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, June 7th.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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CALGARY P.S. held its annual meeting on January 18th in Grace Church, Calgary. Delegates were present from Banff, Bassano, Cayley, High River and Three Hills. An impressive preparatory prayer service was held in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday evening, Mrs. J. D. Gray, of Knox, took the Scripture lesson, and Mrs. T. Rodger, also of Knox, gave a helpful paper on ''The Essential Things of Our Missionary Work and the Christ Way of Obtaining These Things.''

The sessions on Wednesday were exceptionally well attended and a keen interest in the work prevailed. The morning session was devoted chiefly to the hearing of reports from the different Auxiliaries. These all spoke of activity and were a source of joy to the Presbyterial

The afternoon session was taken up with reports from the Secretaries of departments. These were most encouraging, pronounced growth being reported in the C.G.I.T. and Y.W. work. The Supply Secretary, Mrs. J. T. Noble, reported a very busy department with bales of new and good used clothing sent to the ''Rolland M. Boswell'' Hospital, Vegreville, the Indian Residential School, Birtle, Man., the Deaconess at Red Deer, Dr. Margaret Strang at Dixonville, and to Rev. E. A. Wright, of Grande Prairie. Mrs. R. S. Gibson was elected President for a third term. A helpful address, by Mrs. Jas. McNeil, of Grace Church, on ''First Things First,'' was given at this session.

Stressing the importance of looking for spiritual rather than material blessings from God, Rev. Jas. McNeil, of Grace Church, gave an inspiring address at the evening session, taking for his text Matt. 7:7.

Grace Church Auxiliary held the first meeting of the year, January 20th, Mrs. Geo. Rae, President, had charge of the meeting. The programme, as outlined in the January *Glad Tidings,* was followed, with an additional paper on ''The Ukrainians in Canada,'' by Mrs. Chisholm.

Red Deer P.S.—With delegates attending from each of the Auxiliaries and strengthened by the addition of the Carstairs Auxiliary, which has been transferred from the Calgary to the Red Deer Presbyterial, their annual meeting was held on January 18th at Red Deer. The reports gave evidence of good work done during the past year. Mrs. Allott was the special speaker and gave much encouragement by her inspiring talk. Miss Matthews, the new Deaconess on the Red Deer mission field, told of much good work done, the organization of 7 Mission Bands, and a W.M.S. in prospect being among the most important achievements. These Mission Bands are all held in school houses. Miss Matthews meets with the children at the close of the day school on the Mission Band day. Miss Matthews reports the hearty co-operation on the part of the teachers. The schools are composed of all nationalities and all denominations. Each school has from 25 to 35 children.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA P.S.—The various organizations are starting the New Year with renewed faith and courage. A cheering fact is that many new names appear upon the lists of officers, while those retiring promise that their interest will not wane. It is a matter of congratulation that each church centre has now a Mission Band, 4 new ones having been formed during the past year. Mrs. Sanders, Mission Band Secretary, is to be commended for her good work. There are now 10 Bands with a membership of 194 and givings of more than $80, besides a notable contribution to supply work. Furthermore, both leaders and Bands are enjoying their work. It is also worthy of notice that the Affiliated Societies of Duncan, and Erskine Church, Victoria, having been reorganized, there are now 10 Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial, each with an efficient staff of officers. Wherever used, the study book has been of great service as a guide for topics and programmes. Many interesting papers have been prepared and are available for exchange. Victoria Presbyterial has reason to be proud of the loyalty displayed by the members in all units and fields of service.

Westminster P.S.—The first meeting of the year was observed in different ways by the Vancouver Auxiliaries. Mount Pleasant Auxiliary took the form of a service of prayer, Rev. F. G. Fowler, minister of the Church giving the address. At the Y.W.A. of Central Church, Rev. J. M. MacGillivray gave an interesting talk on service and installed the officers. The speaker at Fairview W.M.S., was the pastor, Rev. Walter Ellis.

Rev. H. A. and Mrs. MacMillan and two children, were visitors in Vancouver, before sailing on the *Empress of Japan* on their return to their Mission field in Formosa. While in the city a public meeting, in their honor, was held in Mount Pleasant Church. Mrs. Jas. Herd, Provincial President, and Mrs. R. M. Thomson, President of Westminster Presbyterial, gave short addresses. Ministers representing the Presbytery were also present and assisted in the programme. Mr. and Mrs. MacMillan spoke of their work in their chosen field.

Kootenay P.S.—The closing meeting of the year of Knox Church Auxiliary, Cranbrook, was held at the home of Mrs. A. A. McKinnon. The programme was in charge of the Home Helpers Department and was very enjoyable. Mrs. Alex. Steele presided and conducted the devotions, assisted by Mrs. McLeod. An interesting account of missionary work among the Bhils was read by Mrs. T. Clark. The meeting was well attended, and the collection amounted to $31.00. At the close of the programme, the officers were elected and installed.

At the Annual Meeting of First Church Auxiliary, Nelson, encouraging departmental reports were read. The newly elected officers hope to make the work of the W.M.S., very successful in 1933.

Kamloops-Okanagan P.S.—All Auxiliaries report having held their annual meetings and election of officers. In a great many of the reports advance was shown. Mission Band work and Girls' work are progressing, new workers and leaders giving assistance. The new study books are being used and Auxiliaries find them very helpful.

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BRANDON P.S.—The Ninga W.M.S., under the capable leadership of their President, Mrs. J. Caldwell, is doing splendid work. There are 17 members with an average attendance of 10. The meetings, which are held in the homes or in the Church are well attended. Seven quilts have been made and distributed among the needy.

At the January meeting of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, the special prayer service as outlined in the December *Glad Tidings* was followed. The scripture readings and prayers were taken by different members of the Auxiliary and the address ''Be Thou Faithful'' was given by the pastor of the Church, Rev. J. Forbes Wedderburn.

A splendid programme was given at the Mission Band Thankoffering of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, by the Band members, and slides shown of the Gwalior and Bhil Missions. While the slide of the finished "Children's Nursing Home" at Amkhut, was on the screen, an opportunity was taken to present Mrs. M. G. Abey with a framed address in recognition of her much appreciated gift. Kate Duncan, the President, read and presented the address. Immediately following, the ceremony which took place at the opening of the Nursing Home, was given in dialogue form by Ruth Stark, Margaret Oliver and Kate Duncan. Seven seals and certifiicates were taken out by members of the Mission Band and were presented by Mrs. M. G. Abey. Two of these were given by the W.M.S. Rev. Forbes Wedderburn, Pastor of the Church, gave the address of the evening. Mrs. Leslie, Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary, also gave a talk to the Mission Banders.

The Thank-offering of St. Andrew's Church Mission Band, Brandon, was held in January. Miss Francis Boyle, President, presided, assisted by their leader, Mrs. C. W. Watson. Mrs. A. Shewan was the guest speaker and gave a very interesting talk on the Birtle Indian School.

Superior P.S., regrets to announce the death on January 17th, of Mrs. M. B. Dean, for many years Treasurer of the Presbyterial.

Winnipeg P.S.—The Presbyterian Day of Prayer was held in First Presbyterian Church, January 13th. Two women from each Church took part in the service. Mrs. Flook presided. The address on the theme, "Be Ye Faithful" was given by the Rev. E. H. Lockhart, Norwood.

The Presbyterian women of Selkirk, observed the Day of Prayer and Consecration on January 18th, several members taking part in prayer. Mrs. N. Gobert gave an inspiring address on "Be Ye Faithful."

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Provincial Annual Meeting

MRS. GEO. R. MARK, 104 Front St., Stratford, is the Billeting Convener for the Annual Meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, April 25th, 26th, 27th. Secretaries are requested to have names of delegates sent in before April 1st.

Presbyterial Annual Meetings held in January

Chatham P.S.—In St. Andrew's Church, Windsor. Thirteen Auxiliaries were represented, with reports showing accomplishment and optimism. St. Andrew's and Riverside Mission Bands presented playlets. Speakers: Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Miss Ada Adams, Rev. W. Fergusson. Mrs. W. H. Mitchell represented the Provincial Board.

Guelph P.S.—In Knox Church, Guelph. All reports showed enthusiasm, the most encouraging being those of junior organizations. Many members of the Executive had been speakers at Auxiliary Thank-offering meetings. Speakers: Mrs. J. A. Hilts, and the retiring President, Miss A. McRae. Mrs. M. B. Davidson, Galt, is the new President.

Hamilton P.S.—At Welland. The attendance was splendid, and reports heartening. Speakers: Dr. Jessie MacBean, Miss Lamont, Rev. F. Kovacs, and the President, Mrs. H. C. McKellar. The new President is Mrs. I. McLean.

Huron P.S.—At Clinton. Increases in the junior organizations were reported, and encouragement throughout. The President, Miss Jeckell, gave a helpful address.

Kingston P.S.—At Kingston, one hundred delegates were present and reports showed sustained interest. Speakers: Mrs. J. R. Hill, Dr. Jessie MacBean.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—At Carleton Place. Reports were encouraging. Letters were read from Mrs. Wilkie and Miss Jean McLean, missionaries in the foreign field from this Presbyterial. Carleton Place ''Busy Bees'' Mission Band presented a pageant, and Perth ''Willing Workers'' won the banner. Speakers: Mrs. J. R. Hill, Dr. Jessie MacBean, Rev. Norman MacLeod, D.D.

London P.S.—At St. Thomas. The meetings were well attended. The Student Secretary reported being in touch with many university students and hospital nurses. A large amount of supplies have been sent out. Speakers: Mrs. D. Strachan, Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Miss Ada Adams, and the President, Mrs. A. B. McDonald. The new President is Mrs. J. T. Patton, St. Thomas.

Ottawa P.S.—In Erskine Church, Ottawa. Exceptionally good reports were presented, with steady progress in junior organizations. Miss Isabel Hill spoke at luncheon of activities at Glenmohr Camp. Speakers: Mrs. H. C. McKellar, Hamilton, for the Provincial Board, Dr. Jessie MacBean, Rev. Robt. Johnston, D.D., Moderator of the Church, and the President, Mrs. C. H. Thorburn. Mrs. J. R. Hill was elected President.

Paris P.S.—At Paris. Reports showed new organizations and steady growth, with much welfare work done. Mrs. H. C. McKellar was the speaker.

Peterborough P.S.—In St. Paul's Church, Peterborough. Full discussion of the reports provided a valuable exchange of ideas. The Executive was re-elected by acclamation. Speaker: Mrs. J. A. Hilts, Toronto.

Stratford P.S.—In St. Andrew's Church, Stratford. Attendance was excellent, with encouraging Secretarial reports. Speaker: Mrs. D. Ritchie.

Toronto P.S.—In Parkdale Church, Toronto. There was a marked increase in Young People's work, also in Home Helpers, and an encouraging growth in all departments. Speakers: Miss MacMurchy, Mrs. Strachan, Dr. J. MacBean, Miss Lamont, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, and the retiring President, Mrs. J. G. Inkster. The new President is Mrs. V. A. Smith.

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PRINCE ALBERT P.S.—The W.M.S., of St. Paul's Church, held its regular meeting January 19th in the Manse, Mrs. R. G. McKay, presiding. A pleasing feature of this meeting was the presentation of two Life Memberships. Very interesting papers were read on the topics: ''Be Thou Faithful'' and ''Guardians of a Heritage.'' The officers for 1933 were elected.

Moose Jaw, Regina and Saskatoon Presbyterials held their annual meetings during the latter part of January. A good attendance was reported at all of these meetings. There were many encouraging features in the reports of the work accomplished by the various departments of these Presbyterials and, while the givings were less than in previous years, the membership and interest were well maintained. The Provincial President, Mrs. H. R. Horne, attended these three annual meetings. At Regina and Moose Jaw, Mrs. Horne spoke on ''Love and Service'', while at Saskatoon she contributed to the discussion. The pastors, Rev. A. K. Davison, Rev. S. Farley and Rev. W. G. Brown, all contributed much to the success of these meetings. Regina was favored by an address from Rev. H. R. Horne. At Saskatoon, Mrs. Moore, of Mistawasis, spoke appreciatively of the work done by our Church among the Indians. She suggested that in the future the Church might do well to concentrate on the training of native missionaries. We are pleased to note the recent organization of a Mission Band in Knox Church, Moose Jaw.

Rev. Dr. Frank Morley, of Parkview Church, Saskatoon, addressed both St. Andrew's and Parkview, at their regular monthly meeting in January.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Brockville P.S.—Y.W.A., First Ch., Brockville.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—''Sunshine'' C.G.I.T. Group, Port Elgin; ''Swastika'' C.G.I.T. Group, Chesley.

Guelph P.S.—''Daughters of the Chief'' C.G.I.T. Group, and ''Sunbeam'' C.G.I.T. Group, St. Andrew's Ch., Galt.

Hamilton P.S.—Westminster Ch. Y.W.A., Hamilton; Knox Ch. Y.W.A., Jarvis.

Kingston P.S.—Associate Y.W.A., St. John's Ch., Pittsburg Township.

London P.S.—Knox Ch. C.G.I.T. Group, Fingal.

Orangeville P.S.—Markdale Y.W.A.

Stratford P.S.—''Willing Workers'' Y.W.A., Knox Ch., Listowel; ''Goforth'' Y.W.A., St. Andrew's Ch., Tavistock; ''Marion Ritchie'' C.G.I.T. Graduate Group, Cromarty.

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Government Grant for Birtle Indian School	8,099.44
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Ontario	42,340.00
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Saskatchewan	1,025.00
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Rejoice!

GOD give us the faith of the lily,
To plant with hope our words;
God give us the faith of the sparrow,
The least of all the birds.

God give us the heart of the singer,
To fill the air with praise,
That burdens we bear may be lifted,
And joyful be our days.

God give us a vision of Easter,
To hear the angel's voice,
"Go, seek not the living among the dead—"
Lo, He is risen, rejoice!

God teach us to talk together,
In all we say and do,
That the world may behold and know Him,
The Saviour Divine, and true.

—*Lereine Ballantyne.*

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN

Editorial

For Such a Time as This

IT is singularly interesting to recall the conditions under which, in 1804, the British and Foreign Bible Society had its beginning. A less propitious time could hardly be imagined. On the day of its foundation, a contemporary account tells us, the weather was "fair without frost," but lowering clouds of national, political and economic unrest darkened the sky. "The insurrection in Ireland" was the subject of a heated and bitter debate in the House of Commons. Napoleon's army for the invasion of England lay encamped at Boulogne, almost within sight of the Kentish coast. Three per cent. Consols sold at 56¼. The country seemed on the brink of ruin, and its trade half paralyzed. Yet in the climax of such perils and amid wars and rumors of wars the Bible Society was launched, and from its inception has been manifestly used and blessed of God.

To-day we are again confronted with conditions which might well be urged as a reason for concentrating every resource on the material problems of the times. And yet the Bible Society believes to-day, as did its founders in 1804, that it is for such a time as this that such an instrument is forged and formed by God. Great leaders of our times have declared again and again that it is not lack of material resources from which the world to-day suffers. Our material resources were never greater. What we need is to strengthen and clarify our conception of the great moral and spiritual values of life. The Bible Society exists to put into man's hands that Book which in the darkest days will strengthen and stay men's hearts on the verities of life and the Eternal God. The Bible Society ministers through good times and bad, but it has a special message

For Such a Time as This

A Prayer Contract

THE story of a movement that may be the beginning of a great stream of power has come to us from Mrs. G. W. Mackay, of Formosa. It seems that some of the missionaries there have been much impressed by the story of the ever-burning lamp of prayer, of Central America, and by the earlier story of Herrnhut and their prayer meeting which lasted for one hundred years, by the Fulton Street prayer meeting and others. So at the tenth annual meeting of the Formosan W.M.S. they prepared and gave to as many as wished to have it, a prayer contract. Their thought was that there might be many in Canada, where it is daylight when Formosa is in darkness, who would, in their hours of daylight, enjoy feeling that they were supplementing the hours of darkness in Formosa and thus there would arise continual intercession for the same blessings on the same promises for the Church to which we belong, whether in Canada or Formosa. Some may say that we are narrow to pray only for ourselves, but the Scriptures by which all pray spread out to the whole world. According as women act upon this contract so far may we look for a cleansing and deepening and quickening in the Presbyterian Church in Canada and in Formosa.

A Covenant for Daily Prayer

"I, will this year, as I am able, pray daily for our home Church, which is the Presbyterian Church in Formosa, and for the Mother Church, the Presbyterian Church in Canada, according to the Scriptures given below:

Confession and supplication. Dan. 9: 3.19.
Praise. Psalm 103.
Prayer for the Holy Spirit. Luke 3: 4-6. Luke 11: 9-13. John 16: 13-15. Psalm 67. Matthew 18: 19.
These Scriptures are suggestive rather than binding."

Easter

BY CATHERINE CULNAN

OUT of the baffling, hopeless dark
Of pain and death, a bitter cry,
Vibrant with human agony:

"My God! . . . My God! . . . Why? . . ."
(O Cross of utter loneliness!
No comfort! No reply!)

God knows, not we, the mystery
That turned Defeat to Victory;
That made of death a transient hour
Followed by Resurrection power.

O, Risen Christ! Enable us
To find in that appointed way
Of Love, and Cross, and death of self
The secret of Thy Joy, today!

What is Your Measure?

LAURA K. PELTON

YOUNG women what is your measure? Our Women's Missionary Society, with every other organization in existence, is fighting her way through one of the densest forests in which civilization has been caught. If one is lost in a bush, usually one cherishes two hopes: we shall find our way out, or someone shall locate us. In the meantime, every possible means is employed to keep life in the body, and one's resistance at par.

No one knows whether we shall work our way out of this economic and financial forest, or whether one day by some strange mysterious event, or combination of events, we shall awaken one morning and find ourselves out. In the meantime the great struggle is to keep alive the physical, moral, and spiritual life of men and women, beaten, worried, and sick with anxiety. Irrespective of the altruistic purpose and Divine origin of such an organization as our Missionary Society, it has not escaped from the world situation. As young women, the immediate question is, what is Our Measure for the critical situation in our own work?

Our work is established, our workers are on their fields—are we going to keep them there, or shall we call them home? Our present financial strength makes expansion impossible, the present general financial situation makes expansion anywhere improbable; but our financial statement for 1932 as shown in the March number of *Glad Tidings,* revealed the disturbing fact that the membership of the W.M.S. did not give sufficient money to hold even the work that we have. We believe the great proportion of our women sacrificed to give what they did. Young Women what of it? Were you among those who sacrificed?

The Measure of Our Natural Inclination

In the light of last year's statement, somehow, someway more money should come into our Society's Treasury this year than in 1932. According to financial circles, the prospects in the financial world are no brighter than they were. Such a situation requires honest thinking and frank consideration. Naturally we ask, is there any way out? No one knows when we shall find a way out; but there are ways by which we can keep the life in our missionary work during this crisis. The writer believes one way lies in the young women shouldering a larger "pack" and if they use the right measure against their time and money it can be done.

Let us look for a moment with two measures at Time and Money. First with the measure of our Natural Inclination. We face a new week, it is to be like all other weeks with most of us, exceedingly busy; but we wish to squeeze out of it as much recreation and pleasure as possible. It happens to be the week of our Auxiliary meeting, that means an evening ''shot to pieces'' and we have so little time. The office is strenuous, the school room a strain, home duties taxing, what wonder that our Natural Inclination is to snatch every moment possible for the thing we *want* to do.

Amusements are cheaper now, we can see a good show for 25, 35, or 50 cents. The Measure of Inclination rejoices at this and perhaps if we have a fairly good position we feel that we can legitimately indulge as frequently as we did in palmier days. It is all natural, understandable, and heaven help us, seemingly justifiable.

The Measure of Stewardship

But supposing we pick up the Measure of Stewardship, what happens? Something disturbing, uncomfortable, disconcerting; that is why we put it down again so frequently without measuring by it seriously. With that measure let us look at Time. We see that there are still twenty-four hours in a day, the particular piece of work for which we are being paid requires anywhere from six to ten hours a day. If we are in a home of our own no doubt it seems the day has neither beginning nor ending. In housework, however, while the hours are long, irregular and uncertain, Stewardship teaches us that in those hours there are moments when our hands are busy but our minds are free, and our minds could be busy ''about our Father's work.'' Those in offices, teaching, or whatever may be the business or profession, find upon taking up the measure of Stewardship that, unquestionably, there are and there must be hours for recreation and amusement; but also, inasmuch as we are ''not our own, but have been bought with a price'' God's work is not to be poked in here and there with a shrug of condescension, and ''I suppose it must be done'' air. In other words, as members of an organization expressly out on the Master's work, Stewardship compels us to measure His work in rather different terms. We look at two hours we are going to spend in amusement or recreation, it is *only* two hours, our Stewardship grants it to us gladly, it is our right. We look at another two hours which might be used in the pursuit of important missionary information, preparing a paper for our Auxiliary, spending them with a young woman whom we shall try to win for our Auxiliary, and then Stewardship says—remember they are still only two hours, don't let them swell in your mind to five or six because it is missionary work, instead of the indulgence of a natural inclination. Toward the leisure hours of the day, Stewardship creates within us an attitude which will not cheat in the arithmetic of Time. Two hours are two hours, no more, no less, whether they be spent at a hockey match, in a theatre, at a party or at a missionary meeting. Stewardship measures out in accord with God's purpose rather than our inclination.

Now let us look at Money. Twenty-five cents a week spent for amusement amounts to thirteen dollars in a year. The average giving per capita among our young women is between five and six dollars a year. What do you think Stewardship has to say? Of course many give more, some give less. No doubt some are not spending as much as thirteen dollars a year on amusement, many are spending more. The writer does not suggest that we put into our Auxiliary treasury the exact amount which we spend on amusement. Our Auxiliary does not represent for the majority, the amount of one's giving, there are other channels through which we give of our substance; but one does believe that Stewardship teaches us to realize that the twenty-five cents which purchases for us a bargain show is still only twenty-five cents when it goes into the missionary envelope, or on an offering plate. The measure of Stewardship removes from our minds the feeling that we have been ''jolly generous'' throwing a quarter on an offering plate, so long as it represents for us the price of a bargain show. The measure of Stewardship requires that we stop and check up every once in a while and discover just *what* is our attitude toward the money which we spend for our pleasure, and the money we give toward the extension of the Kingdom of Christ.

There is only one way in which we can maintain the life of our Women's Missionary Society in a time like this—that is by the members faithfully and intelligently using the Measure of Stewardship. The younger we are in missionary work, the more likely it is that we have much to learn about stewardship. That is why one makes the statement that we believe our young women can carry a larger ''pack''; we believe we can go much further into the matter of Stewardship, and this going further might mean just the difference between keeping our missionaries on their fields, and bringing them home. Stewardship will mean also a very much more serious ''going out'' after new members. Getting new members is a matter of willingness to give the necessary time, and having the humility to learn the wise and tactful approach to each prospective member.

Young Women what is *your* measure? YOU CAN—then will you take up the Measure of Stewardship and carry your Society through the ''forest''?

''O, Risen Lord, who gave us life and beauty,
Love, home and friends, and joy our lives to bless
Lift up our eyes, from self and petty pleasures,
To catch a vision of Thy loveliness!''

The Task as Our Young Women See It

By Lereine Ballantyne

PRESENT economic conditions have shown us with a startling vividness the insecurity of material things, and the value of such staple unchanging principles in life, as faith, truth, and the need of brotherhood. Insecurity does either of two things, it strengthens faith in God, when earthly help fails, or it brings a sordid pessimism that can drag humanity to the depths. As the old axiom puts it ''Man's extremity is God's opportunity.''

Young people of today are analytical, you will readily recognize the truth of this. It is therefore a joy to hear of one district where meeting the allocation for the year seems uncertain, to find that instead of worrying, they are putting on a big membership drive. The day has gone when missionary work should be done by a ''faithful few.'' It is the biggest work facing the world today.

Mrs. Harper Silby in speaking at the meeting of the Directors of the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry, said, ''One thinks tremendously of the young people of the next generation. There is a good chance that *we* won't do this thing (Christianize the whole world). But the next generation, we believe will see it, and will do the thing. One college girl, the daughter of a missionary said to me after hearing me speak, ''I think this Report puts the foreign mission enterprise where it belongs, in the forefront of the world's great movements. It has been taken away from sentimentalism, which we young people don't like, and it has been put *as the basis of all the possible world movements* like peace, and co-operation and international relations, disarmament and all the rest.''

We believe that in no country has the work gone forward among our young women more definitely than in Canada. From coast to coast they are being organized, becoming more active, and increasing their responsibility not only in givings, but in service. Best of all they are filled with the enthusiasm of youth, and are bringing this most valuable asset into the whole organization at a time when, in the face of trying conditions, it is greatly needed.

Our young women of Canada are looking at the great missionary enterprise more and more from the international viewpoint, and they are studying our own particular fields with more comprehensive interest. This applies to the overseas fields, and particularly to the National work.

The Young Women's Auxiliaries are definitely interested in our Deaconess work, and in this there is a common bond—young women of the Church helping young women in the mission fields—those who go, doing the work of those who must remain.

In no organization is there devoted loyalty unless there is enthusiasm on the part of the members. To be enthusiastic about a work, one must not only *know* the work that is being done, but one must be able to talk about it to others. Through the systematic use of the Magazine, the Study Book, and supplementary reading, our young women are absorbing this knowledge, and there is no doubt but the keen interest shown is more and more the result of a personal knowledge of our fields and workers possessed by our Auxiliary members. A light that is set upon a hill cannot be hidden, and the work of this Society is as a strong searchlight set high among the good deeds of the world, and we have no reason or desire to hide its beams. Let us therefore hold it high—this work that we have inherited from our mothers, and which we shall in turn pass on as the years go by, to our younger sisters.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." When we give of our service, our time and our substance, we shall develop our personality, our executive ability, and obtain a lasting experience through the contacts we make with fellow-workers, but better than all this, we shall have strengthened our faith, and hope, and if our service has been done in the right spirit, we shall have known the communion of fellowship with Christ, which is the abiding peace that passeth all understanding.

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Young Women's Work in Montreal Presbyterial

MRS. A. W. PAE

OPTIMISM, courage, and a strong faith in God always have been characteristic of the Women's Missionary Society. Today, amid lowering clouds of difficulty and discouragement, this spirit is maintained. We are going forward with thankful hearts, for is not the increasing interest and enthusiasm of our young women like a ray of sunshine already brightening the day.

Throughout the Presbyterial of Montreal this department has been growing steadily, not only in numbers, but in the more important things, knowledge and consecration.

At the Rally held in connection with the annual meeting of our Presbyterial, in February, 97 young women sat down to supper. The plans for this meeting had been carefully made with a view to bringing out points of real interest to all, and to try if possible to be somewhat different, especially in the matter of reports, which do seem to get us all into ruts. Each Auxiliary was asked to bring comments on the work of the year, what they considered to be the strong points, and along with these the weak points of their meetings and organization. It was apparent as these comments were given by the different representatives, that the rigid self-analysis which had been necessary to meet this request, had proved most helpful. All had been ruthlessly honest and the discussion which followed was of benefit to all, and we feel that many difficulties were met and a decided impetus given for the work of the future. A keen desire for study was evident everywhere. When asked as to the type of addresses they found most helpful, one remarked ''Give us something to think about, we can all read what is being done, and where.'' The question of money allocation was discussed freely, and here again we find that our young women are ready and willing to meet demands when the necessity is convincingly presented. With a more complete understanding of the full meaning of stewardship we may expect great things from them.

In order to make clearer the financial situation, a member of the Presbyterial Finance Committee was asked to make a personal visit to Young Women's Auxiliaries and to present the matter fully, at the same time asking the members if they felt they could assume the responsibility for the amount asked. This visit was much appreciated and served also as an added link between Presbyterial and Auxiliary. So often we find groups that are working very much by themselves and who need contact with other Auxiliaries and with the Presbyterial.

We are delighted to have Miss Pelton with us again. Too much cannot be said of what she has done and is still doing throughout the Presbyterial. It was largely due to her work when she was here over two years ago, that the department enlarged its field and began definite Missionary Study. As she follows now with her Leadership Course, we feel that our young women have an exceptional opportunity which is being appreciated by a large number. Miss Pelton's appeal is direct and definite; she realizes and admits the difficulties that beset the work of the young women, but she has patience, and understanding of the whole situation, at the same time not being afraid to attack weaknesses and apply remedies which are not always pleasant.

The young women of today are alive to the situation which confronts us; they have vision, they appreciate big things and rise to big opportunities. They have a keen desire to make their lives count in the best possible way.

As in the days when Christ walked along the dusty roads of Palestine, by His example and teaching drawing about Him those who were fearless, and whose hearts were eager for adventure, so must His followers be today. Only the brave need make the attempt; He can have no part or lot with one destitute of enthusiasm or fearful of the future. As it was then, so it is again. He does draw these young people to Him in order that He may send them forth in His service.

Are the Young Women of Our Western Provinces Missionary-Minded?

MRS. C. L. STRACHAN, YOUNG WOMEN'S SECRETARY FOR SASKATCHEWAN

A REMARK was made a few years ago, by one of our workers, that it would be difficult to get the young women interested in anything of a missionary nature. We know that it requires some planning and organization to work up enthusiasm among young women for missionary enterprises, but during the last three years we have had sufficient evidence that young women can become interested in the work of missions.

Those of us who are watching and are keenly interested in the Young Women's work in these Western Provinces, have been delighted with the reports that have come in. We are glad beyond measure to realize that an increasing number of young women are coming forward to share in the work. Among them lies our most immediate need, and our biggest possibility. Young Women's groups present the greatest field for advance for us in Canada.

The question of leadership is always a vital subject, but, with the work progressing and new groups being formed, we find more adequate leadership. The great need is sympathetic understanding W.M.S. members who will show the young women that Christianity is life at its best. The future outcome of their progress will depend largely on the faithfulness and loyalty of those old in service. This gives the members of the W.M.S. an opportunity to provide workers for the future in their places. We must remember that our responsibilities are according to our opportunities.

An organized group of young women may become one of three societies: (1) Y.W. Auxiliary; (2) Y.W. Associate Society; (3) an Affiliated Club. The Y.W. Auxiliary is similar to our W.M.S. using the same Constitution, and Study Book. The Associate Society may merely contribute money to our mission work. Any other group which wishes to become affiliated with the W.M.S. pledges its members to study about our mission work, and, also, either give money for our missions or articles to our Supply Department, for our different Hospitals, Indian Schools, etc., in Canada.

Studies

A study allocation was given the young women last year which was a part of the Welcome and Welfare work. This portion covered three fascinating women whose work is outstandingly pioneer: Mrs. Ewan McKenzie at All People's Mission, Man.; Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, East Selkirk, Man.; and Miss Hazel MacDonald, Peace River. The contributions of the young women went towards the support of our Deaconesses from coast to coast, and, as a part of their foreign work, contributed to the salary of Miss Luella Crockett, then in Manchuria. This year no special allocation is to be given the young women. It was felt that we should not limit the interest of our young women to the workers that their contributions were supporting the last two years, but rather give them a vision of the work as a whole.

Knowledge is the surest way of increasing missionary interest in every member. In order to foster this, the Council Executive decided to devote a definite space in the *Glad Tidings* each month in which is featured suggested programmes, names of missionaries and their fields, examples of what other groups are doing and a world outlook. We felt a little disappointed when so few Societies mentioned that their members were subscribers to the magazine, although the leaders of the other groups may take it through the W.M.S. We are much concerned with the aim to give definite information about our Presbyterian Mission Fields, and feel that the *Glad Tidings* is one of the valued sources from which the young women can secure such news.

There is much that is encouraging in our Young Women's work. In spite of the fact that financial conditions throughout the West are far from normal, their offerings have been more generous than ever. Although the activities of some of the Young People's Societies are devoted only to local interests one feels certain that when better times come their gifts will be turned to helping and sending the Gospel to others outside their communities.

Activities

The activities of these Young Women's Auxiliaries have been varied and interesting. One Auxiliary of fourteen members must have had a very happy year as their programme showed such a variety of interesting topics for the fifteen meetings held. Instead of using their own study book ''The Seven Seas of Service,'' a programme committee arranged a varied programme for the year. This included subjects taken from ''Council Fires,'' and a study of the organization and work of the W.M.S. as given in the Blue Book, Literature, Lantern Slides and Supply Departments, Field Secretaries, Welcome and Welfare, Foreign Missions, Hospitals and School Homes. These were interspersed with talks and lectures from the following speakers: Miss Lamont on ''The W.M.S. of British Columbia,'' Miss Forsythe on ''Life in the Deaconess Training Home,'' Miss Cowan on, ''Girls' Camps and Summer Schools,'' Mrs. G. D. Ralston, an Easter message. They joined with the W.M.S. at their Thank-offering meeting when Mrs. W. G. Brown gave an account of her recent trip to Formosa. This was especially interesting to these young people as they had been receiving frequent letters and snapshots from Rev. J. D. and Mrs. Wilkie, of Tamsui, after whom their Auxiliary was named, as Mr. Wilkie had at one time been their minister. Another interesting and unique meeting took the form of ''An evening with the early Selkirk Settlers and Indians,'' to which all the congregation were invited.

The President of another Auxiliary says, ''We really have more subjects for missionary study, suggested by our members, than we have time to deal with.'' The following is an example of some of the subjects taken up: An Art instructor gave a talk on the picture ''The Light of the World,'' (Behold I stand at the door and knock). The Deaconess took as her subject, ''A bird's eye view of our Mission Fields, and the Missionaries, especially those recently appointed.'' *Glad Tidings* were opened at the pictures of the respective missionaries and passed around as she talked of them. ''The Peace River Missions,'' mentioning the work of Dr. M. Strang was another interesting topic. Others were: ''Chinese Mission work,'' with special reference to Canada. ''Mission Work among the Jews,'' and ''Indians.'' The latter was given by the President herself who is the daughter of a pioneer minister on an Indian Reserve. These various papers are filed for their Auxiliary Library. The President uses the following method for interesting the various members in the work in the Orient. Two girls, each month, write to a Missionary who has been sent out by our W.M.S. The letters and parcels received in return deeply impress these young women with the great work yet to be done before God's great Kingdom shall come.

Special Features

Another feature of their meetings is the Roll Call which is always beforehand. Some missionary subject is the topic, one for each member, and at the call, each reads her own, making any comment or remark if she wishes. The *Glad Tidings* is carefully read and studied from which they get a great deal of help and many suggestions for their programmes.

A Young People's Society where no minister is stationed, have been conducting the Sunday evening services, and have dispensed with their regular meetings, except a social meeting occasionally. The collection from these Sunday meetings go into the Church funds.

In one town the W.M.S. ladies open their homes for the Young Women's meetings. Such kindness on the part of these ladies has resulted in a large membership and almost perfect attendance.

Others, in addition to their study meetings, made sleepers, nighties, mittens, etc., to send to Dr. M. Strang; stuffed rag dolls and animals for the ''Christmas Cheer''; quilts for the needy; and articles for our Hospitals and Indian Schools. Some assisted in paying off the debt on their new Church, and an Associate Society besides contributing $60.00 to our Missions are paying for a piano for another congregation.

Miss Jean Cowan has been a very interesting and helpful speaker at many of the Auxiliary meetings. Advantage has been taken of the Lantern Slides in a few groups.

Young women are found in numbers only in the larger centres, hence few Auxiliaries are organized in the many places where our congregations consist of only from twenty to thirty members. Of course the young women in these Churches are often members of the senior W.M.S.

One Auxiliary has been privileged to be in the city to which vicinity our W.M.S. sent its first missionary among the Indians. Naturally they have adopted the name of this wonderful pioneer woman, "Lucy Baker," and are endeavoring to keep her spirit in their hearts as they meet from month to month working for others. As a Sanitarium is located near them they formed a branch Society in connection with this Institution.

The study method is found the most effectual and that the more done by members themselves, the greater is their interest.

Another delight has been in the interest shown by the young women in observing "The World Day of Prayer."

Pray for the dawn of a new day here when all the young women of our Church will realize that the missionary enterprise is the most worthwhile interest in life. One young woman, bubbling over with enthusiasm, and earnest in her appeal for others to become interested in the missionary cause, can do wonders in organizing a group. It has been said that "most of our life is regulated by habit, it can determine the ease and efficiency with which we do our work." Young Women, get in the habit of attending Missionary Meetings!

The Easter message of a risen Christ is one which we may well keep in mind, not only at this Easter time, but in all our adventures in endeavoring to extend His Kingdom here on earth: "Our Lord is always with us to lead us on."

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Alberta Young Women's Response to the Missionary Enterprise

Mrs. G. W. Allott

NEVER before in the history of Alberta's missionary enterprise have so many young people taken up the work and shown such an interest. We have 7 Young Women's Auxiliaries in Alberta: 4 in Calgary Presbyterial, 1 in Edmonton Presbyterial, 2 in Macleod Presbyterial, with a membership of 124. Owing to circumstances in our province all of these organizations have done a tremendous amount of relief work besides their regular supply allocation, a magnificent effort, and one entailing much hard work.

Dr. Strang and her work made a wonderful impression on our young people, her wonderful personality and enthusiasm waking in the girls an answering enthusiasm so that a great deal of their work was done for the north country, such as layettes, Christmas gifts, bales of used clothing, papers and books. One of the Auxiliaries supplies flowers for the Church besides helping the local work.

The girls have taken up the Special Campaign Fund, realizing that as the Church rises or falls, so does our W.M.S. work.

All of the Auxiliaries take up the missionary study from our own books, with an occasional speaker from the outside, but prepare and arrange all their own programmes. One of them is divided into groups, these groups in turn taking charge of the meetings. All the money raised for their allocations is raised by free-will offerings, the expense fund being raised in various ways.

It is a matter of great delight and thankfulness to feel that the future of our W.M.S. is in such capable hands. Never a call has been made that has not been most cheerfully responded to by these girls, who in turn are so willing to lead the younger girls' clubs and C.G.I.T. with great success. Youth responding to youth.

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British Columbia Young Women Keenly Interested in Missionary Work

MRS. H. S. MURCHIE, YOUNG WOMEN'S SECRETARY FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

I FIND the Young Women of our Church responding readily to the call of missionary work. For instance, in my own Church when I called a meeting of the young women of the congregation to form some kind of a Society, without any pressure being brought to bear on them, they decided to form themselves into a Young Women's Auxiliary. They also spoke of how splendid it would be to have a study book and learn of our missionaries and the mission work done by our Church.

And they are responding to the call of leadership in the same way as they are to missionary work. We find them leading C.G.I.T. Groups and teaching in Sunday School. And when they graduate from the Young Women's to the senior Auxiliary we find them still holding office.

One of my Presbyterial Secretaries writes in her report, "There is evidence from the reports received that our Young Women are endeavoring to inject more variety in planning their programmes and raising their funds. And rightly so. The younger girls, finding themselves unable to raise their allocations from their own givings, are turning their talents to use, and thus getting otherwise disinterested friends to help in this great work. Two Auxiliaries mention giving missionary playlets, three have had teas and one holds an annual candy sale.''

One Auxiliary had a shower meeting. They arranged a special meeting with a good speaker or fine lantern slides. If the allocation was a baby's layette, an invitation was sent to every woman in the congregation asking for flannel, flannelette and wool for knitting. These invitations brought a generous response. As a result of this unique method, a layette was sent to the Supply Secretary valued at $40.00.

Some Auxiliaries have speakers, some read the study book, others have the members give papers on famous missionaries of our Church. But whatever the procedure of their meetings may be our Young Women appear to be keenly interested in the study of missions and missionary work.

Various Plans of Mission Study Followed by Y.W.A.'S.

THE ''Caroline Macdonald'' Y.W.A. of Morningside Church, Toronto, was recently visited by an Auxiliary President. Speaking of their interesting programme she said:

First they took up their business. Then the First Vice-President took the chair and conducted what one might call a mission study class, the Vice-President acting as teacher, the members being pupils. The subject was Formosa. In place of a map, an outline of Formosa was drawn on the blackboard. Then the teacher took up the subjects one by one, introducing each with a few remarks. The pupils' part was to read short papers on each topic.

In this instance the themes were Formosa: (1) Its location; (2) Description of the country; (3) Industries; (4) Historical background, story of Aborigines, Chinese (three members spoke to this topic, two wearing Chinese costume and one that of the Aborigines); (5) Religion; (6) Early missionaries (*i.e.,* those who came before the Presbyterian Mission started); (7) Life of Dr. George Leslie Mackay (3 papers were given on this topic). The whole meeting lasted a little over one hour.

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In several of the groups nearly every member takes a part in the programme, which is planned ahead for the year. They take turns leading in the devotional period and in reading papers prepared by them from the study book, or from books used in a special course of study. Discussion usually follows and much interest is taken in the country and our representatives in the field being studied.—*Quebec.*

Some of the Young Women's Auxiliaries kept in close touch with the missionary work in Formosa through letters received from Rev. Douglas and Mrs. Wilkie in Tamsui. Others based their study programme on British Guiana and the Gwalior Field, India, and still others took up the study of the Indian Residential Schools in Canada.—*Saskatchewan.*

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Some Auxiliaries adopt the group system. In this plan the Auxiliary is divided into possibly three groups under the leadership of the Vice-Presidents, and they are responsible for a stated number of meetings. They prepare the programme which is devoted to a special field of our work and study of the customs and conditions of each country is made. Each group works out its own programme and in this way has a definite responsibility. Another Auxiliary has a paper prepared on a chapter of the study book. After the paper is read, a questionnaire on the paper is read out and the members are expected to answer these questions correctly. This method insures better attention, more interest and a greater knowledge gained by each individual member.—*Ontario.*

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A new Young Women's Auxiliary was organized in Gordon Church, Edmonds, during the past year. It is composed chiefly of young women who were organized as 'teen-age girls, six years ago, under the leadership of Catharine Moodie and Ellen Douglas.—*British Columbia.*

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Margaret Strang, M.D.

This letter, written on January 15th, by Dr. Margaret Strang, of Dixonville, Alberta, to a friend in Edmonton, deserves a place in the Young Women's number for it tells how one Canadian medical woman is answering the missionary appeal.

"I'M afraid you'll be wondering if you are ever going to hear from the north, as to the fate of your barrels of Christmas cheer. Sorry to be so long in writing you but there have been a thousand things to see to, not the least of which was an epidemic of 'flu', and the consequent drain on time, energy and the cough syrup bottles.

We commandeered a car at Dixonville and went to town, a small matter of thirty miles, to get the freight when yours came in. There was a half-ton truckful of barrels and various other parcels. The roads were far from their best after a recent storm, and to celebrate the snapping cold night our gas-feed pipe bunged up half way home and we had an hour's session by moonlight getting it cleaned out again. However, we finally landed with appetites that would have done justice to starving wolves.

I unpacked the barrels on the following day and they were stowed away in the office, a room by the way, that is periodically jammed to the roof and cleaned out again. And the week before Christmas there was a whole committee of us at work. What matter if we did have to clear the contents of a barrel off one of the beds to crawl into it o' nights. There was one tree before Christmas and the other two afterwards. The first one was held in Beaton Creek schoolhouse, with the children providing the programme. You should have been there to hear little Dorothy and Barney Hanson sing their duet. Barney made his bow when he finished and scampered down off the platform back to mother, but Dorothy hadn't been taught the proper conclusion to a public duet, and she stayed where she was opening and shutting her rosebud mouth after the approved fashion of a prima donna, though no sound came forth, to the huge delight and applause of the audience, and the longer Dorothy stayed the louder they cheered.

The second tree was held in one of the log houses away up in a far corner of the settlement. The whole neighborhood turns out to the trees and has a real visit. The children's delight is something worth seeing. It was all the Christmas some of them had. I have been in some of the homes since and with as much pride as if they owned the half of Canada, the little folks bring out their treasures off that tree, for me to admire afresh. It would have been a sorry season for many of them if the boys and girls of Edmonton and other places hadn't thought of them in the midst of their own good times.

The third and last tree was here at Dixonville in the new Church. Three of the boys had a grand time that afternoon decorating, while the girls were in the Doctor's house, wrapping the gifts with a great noise of talk and laughter. The Church was full, and they were a tired crowd that departed homeward a few hours later.

Last Sunday night I was called out in the worst storm of the season and in spite of our hurry the stork beat us to it. Rather a wonder he didn't get lost in that smother of snow. We had to wait till daylight to see the trail home.

Edmonton House was a small but crowded hospital in addition to the Christmas rush. Our epidemic of 'flu' netted us no deaths but there were plenty of sick people. It was forty below here on New Year's Day and colder than that on New Year's Eve, but in spite of Jack Frost we had a Watch Night service to see the old year out and register our vows for the unwritten page of 1933.

Now we are facing the rest of the winter not knowing whether our supplies of food for man and beast will hold out till the warm weather returns or not, but our destinies are in far Higher and Wiser Hands than ours, and it would do your heart good to see the cheerfulness of the folks, chins up, smiling, and making the best of it. We have prayer meetings here every Wednesday night and they turn out splendidly.

I received a number of bales of clothing from the Edmonton ladies also, and it keeps me busy in whatever odd minutes there are, attending to calls for relief supplies, sorting them out and bundling them up. I am running that business alone this year. Last season it was done through the Ladies' Aid, but there was too much hard feeling over it.

Many of those who are still proud and independent in spite of their poverty, wish to pay for what they receive, even if it's only a dime or a dressed turkey. Of course I know that relief clothing is not for sale, but far be it from me to destroy that splendid feeling of independence. So they are allowed to pay whatever they wish. The straight cash and the cash value of all the stuff they turn in is placed in a fund with which to purchase shirting and overall materials, of which there is a great want and very few of either of these articles sent up.

You were wanting suggestions for work that your boys and girls could do. Here's one. We need wool for knitting up into socks and mitts, the heavy fingering yarn is best. We have the needles and the willing hands, but too often they are both empty of the necessary wool. All the wool that we have been able to shear off the Peace River sheep has been carefully washed, carded and spun into homemade wool. It wears splendidly too, but the quantity is limited.

There has been a great demand for the books sent up. We now have five different circulating libraries out through the settlement, where they will be handy to those who want to read. Some of the books went as far as North Star, twenty-five miles, last week. And how they do appreciate reading matter in the long winter evenings.

Now for another of this stack of letters. With grateful appreciation extended to all your boys and girls, my own personally, and the scores of others whom you have helped to make happier this Christmas season. We wish you all the very best in the New Year.''

What asks our Father of His children save
    Justice and mercy and humility,
    A reasonable service of good deeds,
    Pure living, tenderness to human needs,
Reverence, and trust, and prayer for light to see
    The Master's footprints in our daily ways?
    No knotted scourge, nor sacrificial knife,
    But the calm beauty of an ordered life
Whose every breathing is unworded praise.

—J. G. Whittier.

From Mission Band to Young Ladies' Auxiliary, 1902-1932

EXTRACTS FROM A HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE YOUNG LADIES' AUXILIARY, STRATHROY, PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY, MISS LEITCH

AS this is Eastertide, it seems only fitting that we allow our thoughts to travel back to the "beginning of things." We watch for the first signs of spring, for the Easter lily, as its pure petals unfurl, and we think of our risen Lord. At the same time our thoughts at this season travel back to the beginning of our own organization.

Through the kindness of our minister and clerk of Session we have read the year books of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Strathroy, since 1863.

As far back as 1879, contributions were sent by the women of this congregation to the W.F.M.S. head office in Toronto. Then in 1885 the women were organized into a local W.F.M.S. The first year they sent $12.00 away. The third year the Society had 44 members and sent $108.55, as well as a bale of clothing to the West, so from an atmosphere such as this, it was not surprising that some years later, in 1901, a Mission Band was formed of the younger girls, as a junior branch of the W.M.S., having the same motto, "The World for Christ." The first meetings were held in the primary room of the Church on the first Saturday of each month at three o'clock, and were of a devotional nature. The girls showed great interest in the work, and that year the Band put on a concert and maypole dance, the proceeds of which were $15.55.

From this small beginning the Band steadily grew, and, in 1905, had 25 members. The meetings were then held every second Friday at 4.15 p.m. The girls sewed patches and made scrap books to send to needy children. In 1908, the Band became so active it required two Presidents. The sewing kept the active members busy for the first half hour and then instruction along missionary lines was carried out by following the study books sent by the W.M.S. offices in Toronto. Each member paid a fee of 10c. Bread and butter with cocoa were the only refreshments served.

At this time Mrs. L. W. Cuddy became President. After much thought and careful planning she arranged to have the younger girls meet the second Saturday of each month at 3 o'clock, and the older girls the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. These dates are still used for our regular meetings. The Band was always well attended and the members worked willingly in whatever they undertook. In the four years Mrs. Cuddy was President her missionary zeal was ever her first thought, and the members responded nobly to her leadership, so it seems only natural, in later years, that her daughter Mary, already a trained nurse, offered her services to the Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church and is now Superintendent at the ''Hugh Waddell'' Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask. Owing to ill health Mrs. Cuddy was forced to resign from the work she so much loved. Mrs. Kerswell became the next President, while Mrs. George Field assisted with the junior girls. The following year Mrs. Kerswell had Mrs. Kannawin and Barbara Leitch relieve her in the Junior Band meetings.

Early in 1914, being again without a President, Mrs. Wm. Geddes took charge. The name was changed to Senior Girls' Band and Junior Girls' Band, the funds from each Band being paid over to the joint Treasurer. Both Bands worked harmoniously under her guiding hand until her death in 1918.

In 1922, a re-organization was decided upon as the membership of each Band was around 40, so the older members took the name ''Young Ladies' Auxiliary,'' and the younger girls that of ''Junior Girls' Mission Band.'' Each organization then conducted their own meetings separately and sent in to the Presbyterial Secretary separate reports.

Studying the Word of God and mission instruction have always been the *first object* of this Society, and practical work a close *second*. Each year the work became more interesting and useful. Information was gathered from our study books, and visits from missionaries home on furlough.

On our roll, at present, we have 44 active members, 10 Life Members, 6 Associate Members, 2 Home Helpers, and a number of Junior Life Members. Our regular meetings are held at the homes of the members, the second Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. The study of missions is still our first consideration and our objective ''The World for Christ.''

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Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

THIS is a time for reconsidering values. All are practicing economy, and because of that we wish to stress the fact that it is not necessary to discontinue reading Missionary literature in order to economize, because books are available at very reduced prices. It is not a question of whether we can afford some of these books in our homes, but whether we can afford *not to have them.* Much can be done to secure the loyalty of young people to their Church by giving them a broad knowledge of its work and background, and need one emphasize the value of helps for those doing the Church's work. Circulating libraries or missionary bookshelves are solving the problem for many Auxiliaries, who keep reading helps available not only for the Auxiliary members, but for the Mission Bands, C.G.I.T. and Girls' organizations as well.

Mothers' Day has become a beautiful part of the spring programme planning, and the following may be of help for this or other spring pageants:

MOTHER AND HOME. A mothers' Day Exercise containing songs, recitations and several numbers with music. Suitable for a large Band or Sabbath School. Price 10c. each.

THE STANDARD MOTHERS' DAY BOOK contains a complete playlet with poems, stories and pageant. Price 35c.

CURIOUS CRADLES IN DIFFERENT LANDS—a new Mission Band exercise containing parts for five little girls and some songs. Price 15c. each. This should take well.

TO-DAY'S PARABLE, by Hugh Redwood, author of "God in the Slums," is a charmingly bound book of quotations for every day of the year. Price 75c. This is a book, new and very handy.

GREAT TREASURE, by H. B. Elliott, is an anthology of the finest passages from the Bible, collected for school or home reading use. Bound in red cloth. Price 50c.

THE CATTLE IN THE STALL, by Nina Moore Jamieson, is this author's collection of articles on country life. They were written for women, and few books are more lovely or inspiring for our Canadian women than this group of homey essays. It would make an admirable gift book for a sick friend or for anyone you would like to remember. Price per copy $1.50.

Good Leaflets for the Programme

NOT OMITTING THE FOURTH STANZA is a delightful little Thank-offering leaflet based on hymn No. 552. Price each 3c.

THE GOD WHO COULD NOT GET UP ON THE SHELF—a splendid story for the boys and girls. Price 3c.

THE MOMENTS OF HER DAYS answers the question which is so often uppermost—What is the most valuable contribution, time or money? Price 3c.

HOW KOHARU LEARNED TO WORSHIP—a little story from Japan. Price 3c.

LITERARY CLUBS VERSUS MISSIONARY SOCIETIES, is a very thoughtfully compiled list of facts which every officer should read, including programme committees. Price 3c. each.

THE CASE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS, an interesting booklet reprinted from *The American Mercury*. Price 10c.

"GO, sombre Christ, haul, if Thou wilt,
Thy Cross to Thine own Calvary,
When did I bid Thee suffer for my sake—
To bind intolerable claims on me?
Cease then to thrust Thy tale of sorrow in my ears,
Marring the music of my few short years.
I will not listen to heroic things,
We were not made to walk as priests and kings.

And yet
I hear Thy trumpets in the breaking morn,
I hear them calling thro' the restless night:
They blow aloud betwixt love's lips and mine—
Ring from the cup where I have poured the wine—
Sound their uneasy echoes round my bed,
They will blow thro' my grave when I am dead.

O King, O Captain, wasted, wan with scourging,
Strong beyond speech and wonderful in woe:
Whither wilt Thou—relentless—still be urging
Us feeble folk that have not strength to go.
Peace, Peace! I follow,
Why must we love Thee so?"

On Easter Day

AT Christmas time we looked on the face of the Babe, and wondered with the shepherds and adored with the angels; we have followed Him through the years as He went in and out of His mother's house; we do not know when the consciousness of His real Father came to Him, but we have seen Him thrilling under it; we have traced Him through His years of ministry; we have sorrowed with Him in Gethsemane; we have stood before His Cross, but there our sympathy failed, when, oh wonder of wonders, we found that we had died with Him and risen again! Death hath no more dominion over us. We are sons and daughters of the Resurrection.

—Maltbie Babcock.

Easter, 1933

THE VOICE IN THE GARDEN

"Be still and know that I am God."

Hymn 220.—"The Day of Resurrection."

Prayer.—(From April *Glad Tidings,* in unison).

Scripture Reading.—John 20: 1-2 and 11-18.

Leader:

"O Messenger beloved!
O Voice sublime!
O Melodies! O Touch of Love Divine!
Our darkest hour is yet
God's chosen time."

Christ spoke to Mary in the Garden
and she obeyed His Voice.

Talk.—Personal Surrender.

Leader:

"Jesus, Master, Whom I serve,
Though so feebly and so ill,
Strengthen hand and heart and nerve
All Thy bidding to fulfil.
Open Thou mine eyes to see
All the work Thou hast for me."

Hymn 556.—"Jesus, Master, Whose I Am."

Prayer.—The Surrendering of Ourselves and our Gifts.

Offering.—Solo.

Scripture Reading.—(in unison).

> "And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.
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> "And ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.
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> "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up, and a cloud received him out of their sight."
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> Matthew 28: 18-20; Acts 1: 8, 9.

Hymn 553.—"Jesus Calls Us."

Leader.—Christ gave to His Church the Great Missionary Command and She must obey His Voice.

Talk.—The Gospel Call.

Hymn 214.—"Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

The Apostles' Creed.—(in unison, all standing).

This service was prepared by Mrs. John Davey, Mrs. J. Tytler and Miss Marjorie Bain, of Toronto Presbyterial.

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SUGGESTED HELPS

Leaflets:

The Thank-offering Box opened at the Master's feet.
The Moments of Her Days.
Not Mine but Thine.
Not Omitting the Fourth Stanza.
What is in Thine Hand?
The Study Book—*Seven Seas of Service.*
Glad Tidings.

These helps may be obtained from your Literature Secretary, or from our W.M.S. Publications Office, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto 2.

Easter Prayer

Christ is Risen, Alleluiah!

O THOU Risen and Glorified Christ we bow in adoration before Thee. O Thou glorious Lord and Saviour Who on the first day of the week didst Thyself rise from the dead, and Who art the Resurrection and the Life, we beseech Thee to ''raise us by true repentance and lively faith from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; and so to quicken us by Thy Grace, that we daily mortifying our corrupt affections, and going on from strength to strength, may at last attain to the glory of Thy Resurrection.''

O Thou Prince of Peace, quiet us in the midst of life's confusion and unrest and grant us a firm belief in the Life Immortal, so that amid the present strife and turmoil we may be calm and serene.

O Thou God of Comfort! Who in the early hours of the morning said to the women who mourned by the empty tomb in the garden ''Be not afraid!'' and sent them forth with great joy, grant that at this Eastertide we, too, may hear Thee saying unto us—''Be not afraid!'' Then shall we also go out with haste and great joy to tell of a Risen and Glorified Lord; to work for all that will bring to pass peace and fellowship and goodwill among men; that over all the world may dawn the coming of Thy Kingdom when all shall hear Thy voice and serve Thee joyfully and one another in Thee. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour Who liveth and reigneth for evermore. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

THE SPIRIT OF EASTER

AGAIN we approach that most joyous and inspiring season of all our calendar year—the Eastertide. From the time of the earliest Christians, Easter has stood for everything that is exalting and ennobling to the human race. The season is young, with the harvest before us to make of it what we will. That is why those pagan ancestors of ours, who lived ages before the Christians, celebrated a holiday and festival to the Norse Goddess of Spring, to whom the month, corresponding to our April, was sacred.

The age old message of the Master—"Be of Good Cheer"—belongs especially to the Eastertide, and surely it possesses a stronger significance than ever at the present time. Because rarely has the world, with all that dwell therein, had greater need of the comfort and courage, which its whole-hearted acceptance and resolute living up to would yield, than to-day.

Easter and the springtime—a combination making irresistible appeal to the best there is in the heart of man. Easter and the springtime—when the spiritual life of man and the material forces of nature renew their vitality and seem to unite to praise the Creator of all.

O Life that leads us by the ways of death!
O death that crowds life into glorious bloom!
These Easter lilies bring on incensed breath
The oft-told message from an unsealed tomb:
"Now Life, the Victor, rolls the stone away!
Arise! It is the Resurrection Day!"

An Interesting Y.W.A. Meeting

The Young Women's Auxiliary, Calvin Church, Toronto, entertained Miss Winifred Ferguson, Miss Irene Stringer and this year's class of the Deaconess Training Home at a supper meeting in February. The students took charge of the meeting, which followed the supper, and Miss Stringer spoke on her work in India. The members of this Auxiliary act as hostesses during the tea hour, to the Overseas Girls' Sunday afternoon class, which meets each Sunday for study and a social hour. The teacher of the class is also a member of the Auxiliary.

Success Suggestions

Choose hymns with a definite message. Songs are often prayers, full of courage, faith and consecration. The music should give strength and life to the meeting. —*F. D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

As we read again the account of Passion Week, two minor characters stand forth and stir our hearts with a sense of gratitude for the little kindly acts. The first is the owner of the colt, that "colt tied, whereon yet never man had sat" which the disciples were to find in the village over against them and which they were to commandeer for their Master's use. "The Lord hath need of him" was the simple explanation that they were to give. What could have been the previous intercourse between Christ and the owners? The question comes at once to mind. Sometime in a burst of gratitude for a kindness received, a humble soul may have looked up yearningly into the Saviour's face and whispered: ''If ever there is ought in which I can be of use to Thee, Oh Master!'' And the use? That triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

The other character is the ''goodman of the house'' who had his guest-chamber in readiness for Christ. Another nameless friend he seems who must have had some close contact with Jesus, and who sought also to do Him a kindness—not that the world might see but only Christ, himself. ''My home is ever at your disposal, Rabbi,'' he may have murmured in soft entreaty. And again, the use? That upper room became a sanctuary, for there the Lord partook of the Last Supper together with His disciples.

So the little kindly acts of the faithful followers of Christ had, and still have, an important significance especially at this sacred season which commemorates His sufferings, death and resurrection.

''He is not here, but He is risen:'' Yet His pleading voice speaks now as to His disciples of old, ''Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.''

Certificates and Seals

Last year, after the annual reports were received from the various provinces, certificates were forwarded to all the girls' organizations which appeared to have fulfilled the necessary requirements for 1931. This year those same groups, of which there were 186, will receive for similar achievement in 1932, affiliation seals which may be attached to the original certificates. However, new groups, having fulfilled affiliation requirements for the first time will be the recipients of certificates.

The First Robin—The First Map

How are the illustrated maps progressing? Like the first robin of the springtime, one map has already put in an appearance. Remember the Enlarged Council Executive of the W.M.S. meets in Toronto, the end of May; and that is the occasion when the maps will be judged. Forward maps by May 24 to Miss O. Mary Hill, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto 2, Ont.

The Closing Meeting

Plans for the closing meeting to which W.M.S. members and Y.W.A.'s are frequently invited should soon be under way. The May magazine is featuring particularly girls' work, so if you have any bright ideas for concluding your year's study, ''Who is my Neighbor,'' please send them in to the Editor of the *Glad Tidings*. Other groups may be glad to put your suggestions into practice for their May meeting.

MISSION BANDS

"IT'S EASTER DAY!"

IT was Easter morning in the children's garden. Golden Daffodil, Purple Violet, and Snow White Lily nodded their heads as the South Wind fanned them gently. "Lovely Flower Friends," whispered the South Wind, "to-day is the happiest day in all the glad springtime. You are new flowers this year, and you don't understand why everyone is so happy. But look your loveliest and wait and listen, for soon the children are coming to the garden, and they will tell you why we are all so glad to-day."

Golden Daffodil, Purple Violet, and Snow White Lily raised their heads and stretched themselves up straight and tall, and as they did they noticed that the beautiful Blue Sky was bending over as if to tell them something.

"Dear little flowers," said the Blue Sky gently, "to-day we're all very happy. You don't understand why, but wait and listen, for soon the children are coming to the garden, and they will tell you why we are all so glad to-day."

Golden Daffodil, Purple Violet and Snow White Lily waited and listened and waited and listened.

"I think I hear the children coming," said Golden Daffodil.

"How I wish they would hurry!" exclaimed Purple Violet.

"I do so want to hear this lovely story," said Snow White Lily.

Just then the garden gate opened wide, and in came the children, big ones and little ones, all with the happiest look on their faces. They bent down over the flowers, and one little girl whispered: "Dear little new Flower-Friends, we have a lovely story to share with you. To-day is Easter! and you must help us tell this happy Easter story to everyone."

Then Golden Daffodil, Purple Violet, and Snow White Lily made themselves straight and tall and looked their loveliest, nodding their heads and saying: "We'll tell! We'll help you tell the happy story!"

And right there in the beautiful garden, while the flowers looked their loveliest and the sun shone its brightest and the Blue Sky bent down to listen, the children's voices rang out in happy song:

"It's Easter Day! glad Easter Day! It's Easter Day!"

—*The Counsellor.*

EASTER is a lovely time for Mission Banders. There is the Easter music, the lovely legends, and the spring flowers. The Easter lily is of course the most beautiful of all the flowers of this season, and perhaps where it is impossible to get cut flowers, the Mission Band might make some out of paper. Daffodils are especially pretty, and easy to make. Give them to friends you would like to remember, especially Mother. Flowers are love messages.

If the leader has planted one or two bulbs, the coming of the bloom is an excellent way to illustrate the story of the resurrection. The bulb is buried in the clay, it becomes as dead, yet from it blooms a flower more rare and fragrant by far than the original brown bulb. So it is with the spirit which like Christ shall rise from death to the hereafter. There are many beautiful Easter stories for this wonderful season.

There are Easter songs to sing, and for the Band wishing to put on a very simple programme the brief dialogue ''The Easter Story,'' tells this wonderful story in a very beautiful way. It requires some pictures to do it and only an adult, and one little boy and girl. ''Curious Cradles'' and ''The Garden of the Heart'' are two new and pretty Spring pageants.

Here is a pretty recitation called,

At Easter Time

The little flowers came through the ground,
At Easter time, at Easter time;
They raised their heads and looked around,
At happy Easter time.
And every pretty bud did say,
''Good people bless this holy day,
For Christ is risen, the angels say
At happy Easter time!''

The pure white lily raised its cup
At Easter time, at Easter time.
The crocus to the sky looked up
At happy Easter time.
''We'll hear the song of Heaven!'' they say
''Its glory shines on us to-day
Oh, may it shine on us alway
At holy Easter time!''

'Twas long and long and long ago,
That Easter time, that Easter time;
But still the pure white lilies blow
At happy Easter time.
And still each little flower doth say,
''Good Christians, bless this holy day
For Christ is risen, the angels say
At blessed Easter time!'' —*L. E. Richards*

(Taken from ''Easter Tidings'')

Pageants or the Easter Tidings may be secured by writing to the Publications Office. (See Books Old and New, page 140).

RALLY DAY PROGRAMME

Mrs. W. R. Adamson

Class Text.—"Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." (John 15: 14).

Class Motto.—The World for Christ.

Hymn.—Missionary Bells.

Mission Band Prayer in Unison.—Page 4, study book, "Big Ships and Little People."

Scripture.—Acts 16: 9-40—How the Gospel Came to Europe (by 4 children).

Sentence Prayers.—Work in the Home Land
India
China
Japan
British Guiana.

Hymn.—797—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

Pageant by the Children.

Offering.

Dedicatory Prayer.

Hymn.—763—"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus."

Closing Prayer by Leader.

Have as many children as possible take part in the rally.

Invite the W.M.S. to your meetings.

In place of a pageant some of the Bands might give a synopsis of the study book.

OUR LETTER BOX

Manchuria

"THE work in Manchuria is going ahead wonderfully. I am still very busy at the language and for some time yet will not be in active service.

Our Christmas season was a very happy one. As the 25th came on a Sunday, we extended the celebrations over three days. Saturday was given over to preaching to non-Christians, Sunday we had our regular service followed by baptismal and communion services. The church was full both days. On Monday we had the Chinese celebrations and the place was packed. There was a Christmas service followed by singing by various groups and address to non-Christians. As they left, each received a bag of cakes and candies. In the afternoon, a similar programme was given over at the Davis' compound. At both places there was a great crowd. Many should be blessed by the Christmas services.

Next week we expect Dr. and Mrs. Goforth. Dr. Goforth is holding ten days' meetings. Not only the Taonan Christians will be here but a large number are expected from the country districts and outstations.''

—*Mavis Reoch.*

"TRULY this is a great field. I have spent about twenty years in China and have seen work in various places, but have never seen such quick response to the gospel message as here.

Some of us have an enthusiasm for this field, that all the dust storms cannot smother. This is not a land of ''balmy breeze'' and pleasant prospects. Our busy desert city is built mostly of mud houses. The streets are of deep dust. However, in contrast to all this, we see the Church of Christ taking root in the desert soil, and fed by secret springs of His grace, flourishing in spite of all conditions. This is the great thing that holds our interest here. War, bandits, etc., have been working confusion and distress—still the Church grows and prospers.

Just at present we find it quite difficult to secure and hold Bible women. They come mostly from farther south. I think they find the climate trying, it is so different from what they are used to. If we can train some women whose homes are in this district, it will solve our difficulty. There are some in prospect, but they are very immature, though earnest in trying to win others. There is a good Bible school they can be sent to, as soon as any of them are equal to it. They need some help and training in the meantime—specially along the line of making the gospel message clear to their sisters in heathen darkness. I have this work on my heart. I have spent several years in the work of training Bible women in Heyseh, Central China, and love this work.''—*Laura A. Davis.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. R. J. Chrystal, Carstairs, Press Secretary

EDMONTON P.S.—The 19th annual meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, February 8th. Despite the extreme cold the attendance was excellent, each outlying Auxiliary being represented.

No doubt the appeal of the work in the north is partly responsible for the splendid enthusiasm shown by the Auxiliary members, young people and members of the Mission Bands. While much of the work done cannot be placed on record because it is not allocated, the joy given by gifts of clothing, books for libraries, and toys for the children, who have so little with which to brighten their lives, filled the donors with happiness.

The various reports showed untiring efforts on the part of officers and the co-operation of the members of the Mission Bands and Young Women's organizations, all of which combined to make the year one of helpfulness.

Mrs. G. W. Scott stressed the value of literature. ''Knowledge arouses interest.'' She had sold $72 worth of books and other literature. The Library Department sent a library of 315 books to Dr. Strang and almost 1,000 pounds of good reading matter to 40 families. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported 30 names received from port of entry and 494 calls made on newcomers. The *Glad Tidings* had 225 subscribers. The Supply Secretary reported supplies of bedding, clothing and Christmas gifts to mission fields, hospitals and Residences, valued at $600. Mission Bands were active. Besides the study of missions the children delighted in doing work for others as shown in the display of Christmas gifts sent to outlying districts. Mission Band members number 329, cash donated $235, supplies $126. There were 8 Girls' Organizations with 205 members. Five groups have affiliated with the W.M.S. They showed their interest by assisting in serving the supper to 150, and later contributed a programme of music, plays and singsong. The Treasurer's report showed a total of over $1,730. This included a special gift of $120 for two Bible women in the Gwalior Mission, India.

Mrs. F. W. Allott, Provincial President, was the guest of the meeting.

Macleod P.S.—Optimism and success were the dominant features of the annual Presbyterial meeting which was held in Lethbridge, January 20th. There was a splendid representation of all the congregations, and the gathering was successful in every respect. The reports of the operations of the various departments were most satisfactory and encouraging, and showed that the allocation for the year had been fully met, despite the hard times and also that in addition to other relief measures, a number of bales of clothing had been sent out.

The special feature of the session was the fine address of the President. Mrs. Harback, in a clear and lucid way, reviewed the year's work, speaking of the discouragements being all offset by the wonderful encouragements which had been vouchsafed to them in the work of the Society during the year. Mrs. Harback closed with these impressive words: The old year is fast slipping back behind us, we cannot stay it if we would, we must go forth nobly, let us go as those whose greater deeds and greater thoughts await beyond; let us go humbly, solemnly, bravely, as those must go, who go to meet the Lord, with quiet, serious steps full of faith and hope, let us go to meet Him who will certainly judge us when we meet Him, but who loves us when He judges us and who, if we are only obedient will make us by the discipline of all the years, fit for the life, where life shall count itself by years no longer.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER P.S.—At the annual meeting of the Executive of Westminster Presbyterial held in Central Church, Vancouver, Mrs. J. R. Morison, a member of the Prince Rupert W.M.S., and Mission Band leader, gave an encouraging account of the work in that city. There are 35 members in the Mission Band, 30 being the smallest attendance during the year.

Early in February the Mission Band leaders of Vancouver organized, with the object of meeting bi-monthly during the year, for discussion of the work and interchange of ideas.

At the February meeting of the Chinese W.M.S. a number of the ladies of Fairview Auxiliary were present. Mrs. Louie addressed the Chinese women.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, New Westminster. During the morning session the reports of the Treasurer and Departmental Secretaries were received. Greetings were brought by Dr. Duncan Campbell of Knox Church. The report of the Corresponding Secretary was given at the afternoon session, also the address of Mrs. R. M. Thomson, President. Greetings were brought from Synod, Presbytery, Provincial Society, Young People's Presbyterian Association and Synodical Convener of Young People's work.

The officers were installed by Mrs. James Herd, Provincial President. Changes in officers are: Girls' Organizations, Miss E. Moodie; Literature and Exchange, Mrs. Warren; *Glad Tidings*, Mrs. Robert Pollock.

The evening session was devoted to reports of Young People's work and the Mission Band of the Church gave a chorus. Rev. John McTurk of Chilliwack gave the address of the evening.

MANITOBA

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WHEN the Provincial Executive met in January they decided, on account of conditions, to cancel the annual March meeting.

Superior P.S. annual meeting was held in First Church, Port Arthur, February 17th, the President, Mrs. W. Ballantyne, presiding. The guest speaker at afternoon and evening meetings was Dr. Jessie MacBean. Her addresses were a great inspiration. To hear a real missionary, one who has given her life to the work of the Kingdom, will do our district a world of good.

Mrs. A. C. McCormick, President of First Church Auxiliary, Port Arthur, gave the address of welcome which was responded to by Mrs. J. S. Strachan, Fort William. A minute's silent prayer was observed, in memory of Mrs. M. B. Dean, former Treasurer of the Society.

A short programme was given by the Mission Bands—songs, 7 members of the ''Janet E. Smellie'' Band; recitations by Jessie Cundy, of ''Margaret Hogarth'' Band, and by Isabel Gibb, of St. Andrew's Band. The banner was presented to ''McKay'' Mission Band for the largest average attendance, and to the ''Janet E. Smellie'' Band for the largest average givings. Last year these banners were both in Fort William.

The Treasury Department reported that $900.50 was raised during the year. Extracts from Secretarial reports showed that 125 Mission Band members raised $123; 154 C.G.I.T. members gave $25; 60 Y.W.A. members contributed $153.55; and 60 Home Helpers raised $153.55. Supplies valued at $364.86 were sent out. *Glad Tidings* subscriptions numbered 155. There were 2 Life Memberships, 7 Junior Memberships and one Blue Seal purchased. Parcels of books and papers were sent to Kakabeka and the five mile school. The Literature sales amounted to $23.60. The total money raised for all purposes amounted to $1,382.95. Other facts of interest were that 950 calls had been made by the Welcome and Welfare Department; that the C.G.I.T. Groups were leading up to W.M.S. membership; that the givings to the Special Campaign Fund for the first quarter amounted to $37.36.

The C.G.I.T. Groups of Port Arthur and Fort William were at home to their mothers recently, and the mothers were well represented in both Churches.

Winnipeg P.S.—''I Press On,'' was the theme chosen by Mrs. J. Stanley Flook, President of the Winnipeg P.S., in her address at the opening session of the ninth annual meeting in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg. Mrs. Flook urged the members to increase their missionary zeal undeterred by present day adversity.

Reports of the various departments showed encouraging attainment. The sum of $1,992 was raised during the past year, of which $1,660 was the contribution of the Auxiliaries; $245 was raised by the Mission Bands. Auxiliaries represent a membership of 338, and Mission Bands have an enrolment of 360 children. Visits numbering 831 were made to sick and newcomers. Members pledged themselves to hearty participation in the budget deficit and extension fund. Complete outfits valued at $310.50 have been supplied for three girls and four boys in the Indian Residential School at Birtle. Besides city distribution, bales of clothing were sent to Cranberry Portage and Rolling River Reserve. Subscriptions to *Glad Tidings* numbered 326, total receipts being $124; a large qauntity of literature was distributed throughout the branches, sales amounted to $43.51; lantern slides are now available to Auxiliaries; Home Helpers number 136, this is a decrease but is partially accounted for by the fact that many of the Home Helpers joined Auxiliaries.

Greetings from many churches and organizations were read. A feature of the session was the presentation of Junior Memberships to Gertrude

Weston, of Old Kildonan Church, and Doreen Sibbald, of First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, for exemplary honors in Mission Band attendance and good conduct.

Rev. E. H. Lockhart, Moderator of the Presbytery, brought greetings from that body. Dr. Jessie MacBean, medical missionary on furlough from China, was the speaker of the evening. She told of her twenty-seven years of missionary service in the Orient. She stressed the need of training women in medical mission work, accentuating this urge with the statement that if members of all medical staffs in Canada were sent to China, they would have between 10,000 and 12,000 patients each.

Mrs. G. Leckie spoke on "Hindrances to Faith." Devotional exercises prefacing the evening meeting were conducted by Rev. David Johnstone and Rev. J. Mackie Niven. Rev. J. H. Stewart gave an interesting history of the work of the W.M.S. in western Canada during the days of its development, and during the trying days of drought.

Miss M. Todd, deaconess-at-large for the Presbyterial, reported a very busy season and many calls for help, which she had been able to fill in almost every case with the help of the W.M.S. circles and Bands.

A letter was read from Dr. and Mrs. Goforth, the only Protestant missionaries in the great eastern part of Manchuria. Although both over 70 years of age, the missionaries are enthusiastic about their work and hope to accomplish still more in the future.

The installation of officers was conducted by Rev. J. H. Stewart. Changes in officers are: President, Mrs. W. J. Martin; Secretaries:—Corr., Mrs. P. J. Campbell; Y.W.A. and Girls' Organizations, Mrs. Digby Wheeler; Press, Mrs. J. R. McDonald; Exchange, Mrs. R. Oliphant; *Glad Tidings,* Mrs. H. Williamson; Library, Mrs. George Leckie.

ONTARIO

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Provincial Annual Meeting, Stratford

AN attractive programme has been arranged, with plans for discussion and conferences. The opening session will begin at 2.30 p.m., April 25th. All are cordially welcome to attend these sessions.

There will be a Round Table Conference of the Provincial Board of Management and Corresponding Secretaries of Presbyterials in St. Andrew's Church, at 7.30 p.m., Monday, and a meeting of the Board of Management at 9.30 a.m., Tuesday. It is very important that all eligible members be present at these two meetings.

Railway Information

Going tickets and certificates will be issued from April 20th to April 25th, inclusive, and properly validated certificates will be honored for tickets for the return journey up to and including May 1st. Delegates will please remember to buy a single first class ticket, asking at time of purchase for a Standard Certificate.

Barrie P.S.—The beautiful programme prepared for Presbyterian Women's Day of Prayer, a New Year's message from the minister, Rev. Wm. McMillan, bright music and prayer, composed the January meeting of Collingwood Auxiliary. Creemore Auxiliary, at their annual meeting, reported special work done in the Supply and Literature Departments. Splendid reports were given by Secretaries and a helpful message by the President, Mrs. W. C. Boyd.

Brockville P.S.—At a special service at St. Andrew's Church, Chesterville, on Sunday evening, February 2nd, the ''Sunshine'' Mission Band and the W.M.S. Auxiliary presented honored members with Life Membership Certificates and pins. Mrs. (Rev.) Turner gave an address on missions.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—Thank-offering meetings have been well attended, most of the speakers being local and Presbyterial members. Miss Pelton and Mrs. W. J. McCullough addressed several Auxiliaries. Much help in preparing programmes has been received from *Glad Tidings*. Though without a church, Underwood Branch has done splendid work. Wool for a large quilt was carded and donated by Mrs. McKay and Mrs. Matheson. Three large bales have been sent to the West from Underwood, Tiverton and Sinclair Auxiliaries.

North Bay P.S.—At the January Executive meeting, reports showed increased interest in the work. Plans were made for the annual meeting to be held in Huntsville.

Orangeville P.S.—At the January Executive meeting an increase in *Glad Tidings* subscriptions was reported, also excellent Welcome and Welfare work. The study book was used with benefit by Dundalk Auxiliary. Dundalk Mission Band held an open meeting in February, with Auxiliary members present. The small girl who took the collection was dressed in the garb of India.

Peterborough P.S.—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Campbellford, is using the study book for programmes. Faithful work is being done in all departments.

Sarnia P.S.—Encouraging reports were given at the Executive meeting. There are 584 Auxiliary members, and over $3,400 has been raised. All Thank-offering meetings were supplied with special speakers from their own Presbyterial.

Toronto P.S.—A Mission Band Conference for leaders, with 65 present, was held in Dovercourt Church, Toronto. Discussions in groups brought helpful suggestions for increasing membership. Mrs. J. D. Perkins stressed the value of music in the work of the Mission Band. To demonstrate this a programme was presented by Dovercourt Mission Band, the Banner Band of Toronto Presbyterial for 1932.

QUEBEC

Mrs. J. D. Anderson, 108 Ellice St., Beauharnois, Press Secretary

MONTREAL P.S.—The nineteenth annual meeting was held February 7th and 8th in St. Matthew's Church, Point St. Charles, the President, Mrs. A. W. Pae, presiding. Registered attendance was 309 as against 275, in 1932. Following prayer for Divine guidance, the Rev. W. L. Williman, pastor of the Church, extended a welcome to delegates and friends. Greetings from the Provincial Board were conveyed by Mrs. Sharp.

In her summary, the Corresponding Secretary stated that all reports from Auxiliaries were encouraging in character, ''Faithfulness'' being a dominant note. Amalgamation of two Auxiliaries took place. Total membership is 3,518.

The Treasurer's statement showed total receipts of $16,308.40; sent to Provincial Treasurer, $16,145. This amount falls short of the desired objective but in many instances represents truly sacrificial giving. Presbyterial expenses were kept under 1 per cent.

Home Helpers Secretary reported 196 new members and some 1,900 visits made. Supplies more than doubled, increased givings in 12 groups, contributions trebled by a small group in Covey Hill, 253 subscribers to *Glad Tidings* were high points in a report brimming with optimism.

Welcome and Welfare reported 164 visits. Resulting therefrom—9 persons became church members, 12 children joined Sabbath Schools and one young man joined a Church choir.

The Supply Department told of heavy demands and generous giving. Total value of supplies received was $1,189.27. Eleven outfits were sent to Birtle Indian Residential School; supplies were sent to various points in the west, to Jhansi, India and locally, to Chinese work and Tyndale House. Beautiful knitted articles and toys were given by Y.W. Auxiliaries, Girls' Groups and Mission Bands for the Chinese Festival.

A record year was reported in the Literature Department, with sales amounting to $428.55.

Glad Tidings—1,564 subscriptions, represented a loss of 55. Much good reading was distributed through the Library Department. Eight Honorary, 34 Life, 5 In Memoriam, 12 Junior Certificates and Seals were issued.

A decrease of 2 is noted in our Mission Bands with somewhat lessened offerings but leaders and members gallantly carry on. Twenty-seven Bands with 746 members have held 514 meetings with an average attendance of 21. At the annual Easter Rally banners were awarded to Lachine, St. Lambert, Athelstan and Georgetown Bands. Girls' Groups number 20 with membership 220. Excellent supplies valued at $239.80 were contributed by Mission Bands and Girls' Groups. The Young

Women's Secretary reported the diligent use of study books, the preparation of papers and all members sharing in the devotional services. Seventy-one subscribe to *Glad Tidings.* Two new Auxiliaries and one Associate Group have been formed and three Life Members secured. Total membership 223, an increase of 38. Subscriptions $1,339. Supplies valued at $308.46 and $45 in cash were sent to the Supply Department.

At the afternoon meeting Mrs. Pae, in a thoughtful and inspiring address pleaded for more study of our Guide Book—God's Holy Word and more faithfulness in prayer.

Dr. Jessie A. MacBean, Hackett Medical College, Canton, China, received an impressive welcome when presented to the audience by the President. Speaking of her work in hospital and the more recent development of arousing interest in Public Health, many sidelights were thrown on her busy life as physician and missionary. Rev. Stuart C. Parker, D.D., spoke at the evening meeting and, in an eloquent address, stressed the intense urgency of missionary effort and the call to prompt obedience of the Master's command "Go Ye." Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. W. L. Williman. Rev. P. McK. Sampson, Moderator, brought greetings from Presbytery. At the closing morning session the members were addressed by Miss Pelton.

Election of officers took place and an invitation to meet next year in the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul was extended and accepted. Prayer was offered and the proceedings terminated.

Change in Secretaries: Corr., Mrs. Alexander Allen; Treas., Mrs. Frank W. Walker; Literature, Miss J. S. Baillie; Library, Mrs. G. Whillans; Finance, Mrs. W. E. Baker; Life Membership, Mrs. F. H. A. Baxter.

Young Women's Rally

A LARGELY attended Young Women's rally was held in Kildonan Hall, on the evening of February 6th. Members assembled for supper at 6 o'clock, the President, Mrs. L. E. Tranter, presided, and Dr. Jessie MacBean was guest speaker. The Rev. Dr. Donald asked the blessing and extended a welcome to delegates and friends. Mrs. A. W. Pae brought Presbyterial greetings, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty spoke for the Provincial Board and the Assistant Secretary, Miss Dorothy Coles, read the year's report. Group Secretaries read their reports as the roll was called. An interesting discussion, led by Miss Pelton, followed. Dr. MacBean's address was of absorbing interest. She gave a rapid sketch of her early life as Mission Band worker and Sabbath School scholar, graduating into church activities as she grew up. A faithful pastor fed his flock on a steady diet of missions, morning, noon and night, she said, which led to a steady stream of young people offering for service in foreign fields. Dr. MacBean was introduced by Miss

Agnes Dickson, a co-worker in pioneer days in Kongmoon. This memorable and inspiring meeting was closed with prayer.

Quebec P.S. Executive meeting was held February 9th at St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke. The attendance was especially good. Of the 12 Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial, 10 of them were represented and 14 of the Presbyterial officers were present. Mrs. W. R. Price presided. The morning session was occupied with business and the reports of secretaries. The value of sectional meetings was stressed.

At the afternoon meeting the new officers were installed and the dedication prayer was offered by Rev. J. R. Graham.

The afternoon address was given by Dr. Jessie MacBean, missionary on furlough, attached to the Hackett Medical College, Canton, China. Dr. MacBean gave sketches of her work in China for the past twenty-seven years, speaking of the great progress Christianity has made, and also of the great need of the masses yet untouched.

SASKATCHEWAN

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SASKATOON P.S.—At the February meeting of the Parkview W.M.S., Saskatoon, the Constitution, its aim and purpose, and the relation between the W.M.S. and the General Assembly were the subjects of an interesting discussion led by Miss Steenson. Mrs. J. Wilson gave an address on the subject ''A Crusade for Youth,'' in which she reviewed the work done by the W.C.T.U. A special meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Alex. Lindsay who, owing to her advanced age, is unable to attend the regular meetings. Rev. Dr. Morley spoke on ''God's Everlasting Love for His People.''

St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon, heard an interesting address by Mrs. G. A. Shade on the history of the Ukrainians at Home and in Canada. Mrs. W. G. Brown gave a summary of overseas current news.

Regina P.S.—The sub-executive of the Provincial Board met at the home of Mrs. S. Farley, February 18th, to pass on the Secretaries' reports and make final arrangements for the coming Provincial annual meeting. This meeting continued throughout the afternoon and evening.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Alberta

Red Deer P.S.—''Happy Circle'' M.B., Brooksley; ''Maple Leaf'' M.B., Grassy Lake; Valley Centre M.B.; ''Sunshine'' M.B., Hillsdown.

Ontario

Hamilton P.S.—Italian M.B., Hamilton.

Toronto P.S.—Emmanuel Ch. Y.W.A., Toronto.

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January and February, 1933

RECEIPTS

A Friend, "For Chinese work in Toronto"	$ 20.00
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Miss I. McDonald, "For work in Northern Ont."	5.00
Mrs. Joseph Henderson, "Western Relief"	40.00
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Refund from South Porcupine Hospital	40.00
Refund from Library Department	2.43
Grant from Board of Missions for East Selkirk..	130.00
Grant from Board of Missions for Pouce Coupe ..	130.00
Payment on McCrea house, Vegreville, Alta.	93.85
Government grant for "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	5,011.88
Government grant for teacher at Mistawasis Indian Day School	202.50

Provincial Givings:

Alberta, 1932 allocation ..	388.71
Manitoba, 1932 allocation .	1,267.35
Ontario	2,500.00
Quebec	400.00
Saskatchewan	98.00
	$10.970.43

DISBURSEMENTS

South Porcupine Hospital	$ 500.00
Canora	941.64
Vegreville	508.50
Chinese in Canada	1,666.05
"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	1,390.64
Government grant paid "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	5,011.88
Birtle Indian Residential School	1,291.68
Mistawasis Indian Day School	255.00
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	208.32
Prince Albert	158.32
New Liskeard	133.32
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Insurance on residence and furnishings	493.50
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South China	166.66
India:	
Bhil Field	206.66
Jhansi Field	340.00
Formosa	1,064.06
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Welcome and Welfare ...	3,047.68
Exchange	69.42
Candidate	34.44
Publications	1,231.37
Organization	580.86
Library	60.00
Pension	183.32
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THERE never would have been a Canadian Girl in Training Programme if there had not been, in the minds of those who dreamed a dream for the Girlhood of Canada a few years ago, a vision of girls growing daily into the fullest, happiest relationships with each other, and with the world round about them, in the consciousness of a Heavenly Father, over, above, in and around all. The essence of their ideal is found in the objectives of the movement which are summed up in these words in The Leader's Book:—

> "The Canadian Girl in Training Programme aims to help each girl to live her life at its highest and best, showing the spirit of Jesus in relation to God and man through her home, school, church and community, thus contributing to the building up of the Kingdom of God."

There is something within an adolescent girl which seems to leap out to meet and to recognize and to admit the true, the beautiful, and the majestic in life. For this reason it is natural for them to worship; but for the self-same reason they are keenly sensitive to the mechanics of worship: the atmosphere, the preparation, the tools used, whether they are pictures, hymns, stories, prayers, poetry, or scripture, and accordingly, either experience satisfaction or dissatisfaction in the exercise of worship. Therefore, not only should an opportunity be given the girls to worship, but every care should be taken to provide the right atmosphere, and the stimuli which will enable them to unite their minds and hearts with the Infinite Being whom they are seeking.

Until the Leader is confident that some of the girls are able to lead in the worship service, she should take charge of this part of the Programme herself. She has lived a little longer than the girls. She has experienced God's great love. She knows and feels, and must be longing to share with them. This supplies the reality, and the atmosphere which they need. They want to be sincerely led into the Presence of their Father, and no matter how simple the service, or how short the time allotted, if they can but feel His nearness, they will be satisfied.

This does not mean that the Leader determines the theme, and plans everything herself. In co-operation with the devotional committee, or the whole group, she should determine their wishes and their needs, and with them work out services which will meet those needs. This means that she must know her girls, with all their longings, secret ambitions, temptations, and trials. The resultant worship service will then be a time when the innermost selves of each individual will flow out to the Infinite; when each individual will realize the common needs of each, and the common Hearer; when each sees in the face of her leader a friend who understands; when each sees the face of the other light up, change, release tension, and glow. New understanding, new appreciations of friendships, and a sense of fellowship are developed through group worship which could not be attained in any other exercise.

Worship is that which enables one to go out to live in everyday life, conscious of His Presence. We humbly recognize the fact that we call ourselves Christian, and yet we fall short in being Christ's men and women. We fail to live Christ. Is it because we do not think about Him sufficiently? Is it because we do not go forth from our worship, be it the Sabbath service or the midweek, to try harder to put into practice His teachings? Continually we must, in our group work, emphasize the fact that to be worthy of the name Christian we must be growing daily more like Him, in thought, word and deed. The worship period shows the way to lay hold upon the Power which is available in the world. True worshippers feel that Power and go forth to make use of it at all times, for life and worship cannot be divided. As we think of Jesus, we think of One who was continually in the Presence of His Father, but at times He went aside to be alone with Him. So, we, His followers are to grow, daily, more like Him, always conscious of our Father, and taking time to come closer to Him through the avenue of worship.

Small Places Appeal for Missionary Speakers

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Girls' Work Secretary 1929–1930

Dear Readers of the *Glad Tidings:*

IT is a great and unexpected pleasure to be able to say ''Hello'' to my friends of the W.M.S. and of the girls groups through the pages of the *Glad Tidings.* Miss Fraser gave me rather a wide choice of subjects but, try as I may to direct my thoughts along other lines, it seems that my message to you must take the form of a plea for more outside visitors for the small town group. I write as one who knows and loves the cities, who realizes that city groups have problems which the country groups do not have to face, and yet at the same time as one who lives in a small town and knows something of the problems of a small town group. More and more in the past three years I have felt that the city had a very big advantage over us. Every missionary, every Church official, stops in Winnipeg. If we have a visit from one Field Secretary in a year we are doing fairly well. I am convinced that contact with ''real live missionaries'' did more to interest me in Missions than all the Mission Band, C.G.I.T. and W.M.S. meetings I ever attended. When I was about sixteen I decided to be a missionary. Why? Because I heard Duncan McLeod of Formosa speak, not of what he had read or been told but of what he knew. For years I have wanted to go to India. Why? Because when I was six a missionary and his family, home from India, visited in our home. Because when I was about twelve another missionary from India visited in our home. Even to-day I find it easier to speak of the work in our foreign fields because on every field there is someone whom I have seen and heard. We have found from experience with the group here that the visit of a Secretary gives a fresh impetus to the work for a time at least. There is a natural interest in a stranger, someone from outside, which makes the girls listen to the message of a visiting speaker as they will not listen to that of the leaders who are with them week after week. True, this inspiration must be followed by further information and study in group meetings. But both leaders and girls need the contact with those who are interested in the same work and yet see it from a different angle.

In the cities, groups from four or five Churches may meet in one place to hear a speaker. The leaders from all the Churches in the city may come together to meet a missionary, and it takes only a few minutes to go and come. In order to have a rally of the country groups, at least in this west land, cars must be found to take the girls. Usually this means that at least two or three men must be found who are willing to leave home during or soon after business hours, drive from twenty to a hundred miles, spend an evening in the town where the rally is to be, and get home probably well on into the middle of the night. Then it may rain, or snow, and traffic be impossible, or at least difficult and dangerous. Our nearest Presbyterian neighbors are some thirty-five miles away, and it is nearly one hundred miles to Brandon, the central point of the Presbyterial. In the cities, too, exchanges can be made locally, a speaker from one Church visiting a group in another Church, to whom she is practically a stranger. Here, if we are to have a visitor from another town—no one from our own town is a stranger—she must come at least nine miles by car or train. I have spoken for our own corner of Manitoba, but I feel sure there must be many a small town in Saskatchewan and Alberta in the same position. We do not want to deprive the cities of the benefit of meeting the missionaries and Secretaries, but couldn't the cities do with a little less and give us a little more?

C.G.I.T. Girls and the Missionary Appeal

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THE missionary appeal to the C.G.I.T. girls and their response depends largely on the manner in which the missionary programme is presented to them.

If it is regarded merely as one of the requirements for Group recognition and therefore a necessary obstacle to be overcome before reaching the desired goal, a missionary project may be carried out with a certain amount of interest but very little enthusiasm or enjoyment, and is likely to be forgotten soon after it is completed. One leader remarked that their missionary project was the first item on their year's programme. This sounded encouraging until she explained, ''We wanted to get it over so that we might devote the rest of our time to something really interesting.'' If this is the leader's attitude, what response can we expect from the Group?

Unfortunately, some of our C.G.I.T. leaders are not active members of a Young Women's Auxiliary or of the Women's Missionary Society, and they may feel that they are not fitted to lead the group in a missionary education programme. When this is the case there is an opportunity for the W.M.S. to do its part by providing a leader for the mission study or by assisting the leader in securing missionary information from study books, magazines, letters, etc.

Many leaders acknowledge their inexperience and need of training along missionary lines. Some have asked for study groups, and others are taking leadership courses in Missionary Education, some doing the work by correspondence.

Groups usually hold a monthly missionary meeting for which the lesson is taken from the study book written for Girls' Organizations. They may also plan for a project which is worked out for four or five successive weeks. This may be a development of a special nature connected with the study book or it may be some other missionary plan in which the girls have a particular interest.

Some projects which have been successfully carried out are: The making of scrap books about the mission field studied by the group; the drawing of maps illustrated by missionary information; the exchange of scrap books on Canada with those made by a group of girls on a mission field; the packing of boxes for mission stations; the serving of tea for which decorations, costumes and programmes are arranged to correspond with the country studied by the Group; and the presentation of various missionary plays and pageants.

Through these enterprises useful knowledge is secured in an attractive way, the interests and sympathies of the girls are awakened and the desire aroused to contribute in some way to the missionary cause.

In many cases a gift of supplies appeals more strongly to a girls' group than a contribution of money. They enjoy making and packing articles for a mission in which they are interested. These gifts seem more real and more useful than an offering which may look very small in comparison to the need. The girls perhaps have very little money of their own and, too often, the offering is one which comes from a parent's purse and means nothing to the girl who brings it. Leaders should endeavor to teach the meaning of stewardship and to encourage gifts of money which a girl has made her own by earning it or by some self denial. Money is more readily given when it is for a definite object. This year, girls should be interested in knowing that the offerings from the teen-age Groups assist in supporting the Welcome and Welfare work among strangers who have come to Canada.

The Affiliation Service helps the girls to realize that they are partners in a great organization which includes the children of the Mission Bands, the Young Women and the W.M.S. members, all working for one purpose, the preaching of the gospel of Christ to all people, and the establishment of a world wide Christian brotherhood.

Games in Girls' Organizations

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"I THINK that there should be time for games at every mid-week meeting,'' a minister's wife once said to me. Perhaps we should not generalize quite so much but at least it is fair to say that games should have a definite place in a programme for teen-age girls.

It is interesting to examine the Church's attitude to games through a period of many years. At first it frowned upon games as being inherently wicked. Later it regarded them as harmless but in no way beneficial and certainly not suitable for a religious programme. Then when Church members began to realize that boys and girls would play games somewhere they admitted them to the Church programme. This was rather as bait to lure the young people into the Church or as a guard against the attraction of less desirable companions and places of amusement. In other words, it kept the young people out of mischief. Even then no special value was attached to the games themselves.

To-day, however, those who have the religious education of teen-age girls at heart realize that games have a distinctive place in the development of character. They are not merely a pleasant and harmless way of spending time. They are a valuable and indispensable part of any programme the purpose of which is the complete development of Christian personality.

When games are used in a programme for girls, the play instinct which has been present since earliest childhood is directed and conserved. An opportunity is given for the outlet of natural energy and desirable traits of character are fostered.

Those who have made a study of education know that there are certain fundamental laws of learning which can never be ignored because learning takes place only when actions are in harmony with them. According to one of these, a pupil learns what he practises. Passive listening or even answering questions and entering into discussion is not of necessity practising the thing intended to be learned. A girl may go to Sunday School and apparently pay perfect attention to a lesson on ''honesty'' or ''loyalty,'' for example, and yet she may not have *learned* anything in the true sense of learning. The mid-week meeting with its varied programme provides the place for practising many things for which there is no opportunity on Sunday.

If we stop to think of it we find that games furnish us with many situations which are similar to those of actual life. They contribute not only important physical benefits but afford as well an opportunity for practising honesty, good sportsmanship, fair play, cheerfulness in the face of defeat and many other things which, learned in this natural way, become a part of the girl's life.

If games are to be worth while, however, they cannot be conducted in a haphazard, careless fashion. A successful leader of games must plan beforehand just what games are to be played. It may be that a mental note of these will in some cases be sufficient. The leader should have a whistle and should use it. She should insist on perfect quietness and attention whenever it is blown. If the girls learn this, time will be saved and explanations of each new game made easier. Before each game is begun the leader should explain carefully but concisely the object of the game and the method of play. If it is a relay game she should make it clear how the game is concluded and how the winning team will be determined.

It would be difficult to lay down any rules as to what type of games should be played in a C.G.I.T. Group. There are, however, several points for a leader to keep in mind. Probably the majority of our teen-age girls are attending high school and are therefore receiving some instruction in games during the physical training period at school. This fact should be considered in choosing games for the Group and in allotting time to be devoted to this phase of the programme. Difficult team games with complicated rules should be avoided. Extensive use of relay games, circle games, singing games, and many others where the whole group may take part, would be preferable.

Basketball is one of the most popular games for girls to-day and rightly so. But basketball has its dangers and should be used sparingly in a Church programme. It demands much time for practising in order to have a good team; it allows for only a limited number of players and thus prevents the whole Group or department participating; it taxes a girl's nervous and physical strength if played in competition against other schools or Churches; and in many cases it duplicates the games programme of the high school.

When the group is composed of girls who do not attend school and who have no other opportunity for games a leader must use her own good judgment about the type of games and the time to be allotted to them. As a general rule ten or fifteen minutes is long enough for games and even five minutes of active play will be sufficient on many occasions. The needs of the particular Group in question should always be considered.

It is a good rule to stop playing a game before the girls have had quite enough of it. They will then be eager for that game again. Begin with a familiar game but frequently introduce new games.

Since games are played in every land the Group should become familiar with the games of the countries with an explanation of their background. Many of these can be adapted for use by the Group and will strengthen the spirit of world friendship and add interest to the missionary project.

A leader who has not been including enough games in her Group would do well to check over her programme and plan with her girls to have more games. It is well worth while. A girl who acquires Christian qualities through playing games will not forget them in the daily round of living. If she can ''play the game'' in her Group she is being prepared to play the great game of life. She finds richness and abundance of life through joyous contact with her comrades under the wise guidance of her leader and learns to look to Him for leadership Who came ''that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.''

C.G.I.T. Groups and Dramatics

O. Mary Hill

Girls' Work Secretary, 1933

A GYPSY Queen beside her Romany campfire; Alice in Wonderland and the sleek Dormouse; lovable Anne Shirley—all these come before my eyes when I think of C.G.I.T. Groups and Dramatics. Princesses, fairies, and common folk; characters who once lived and those who live only in the imagination—you can live their lives again when you step into that magic world behind the footlights.

Some of us grow pale at the very thought of being in a play. Don't be discouraged! What happens when the hero forgets his lines? The Prompter, just out of sight, saves the day. Who built the scenery? Some of the girls who knew how to use a hammer and a paint brush. Can you make fairies out of cheesecloth, a suit of armour out of dish cloths, or cut a lobster from green oilcloth? Can you change a pretty girl into a wrinkled old woman? Get someone to teach you the art of makeup, and you will be surprised at what you can do. Let's put on a play! Here's work and fun for everybody.

Missionary Activities at Camp

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EVERY summer many of our keenest, most enthusiastic girls attend *Camps and Summer Schools.* The programme is a varied one, but always ''first things are placed first.'' Bible study, worship and missionary education occupy much thought and time during busy camp days.

Those of us who accept the responsibility of this missionary education either for the whole camp period or for perhaps only a day or so, must realize the opportunity, responsibility, and challenge that is ours. Let us ever remember that a teen-age girl lives in the realm of many interests, one of which may or may not be missionary. So as we approach our group of girls our first task may be to convince the girls of the interest and the need of missions. To merely state statistics or even quote the fascinating stories of the work in the mission fields may prove useless unless the listeners themselves feel the need and the enthusiasm of the work. Because of this I maintain that very often at camp our task is not to give information about our mission fields but rather to pave the way—to arouse the interest that will send the girls from camp to their various churches eager and anxious to have their group spend much time during the winter months not only studying the missionary work of the church, but in useful service. Once a teen-age girl sees the need, and catches the enthusiasm and the spirit of missions, the response is not lacking.

Perhaps our task will seem a little clearer if we first realize ourselves the aims of missionary education. As suggested in ''Programme Suggestions for Presbyterian Girls'' they are:

1. To make Christ a reality in the life and experience of the girls.

2. To develop and foster right attitudes towards peoples of other races and right relationships with them.

3. To give some knowledge of the work being done by the Presbyterian Church.

The first of these aims is the centre of all camp thinking and activities and certainly must be ever in the minds of the leaders.

1. Plan to discuss with the girls such topics as immigration, racial problems applying to Canada.

2. Discuss the organization and work of the League of Nations. Have the group represent a meeting of the League, each girl speaking on behalf of different countries.

3. Discuss personal attitudes to others which exist in our schools, in our Sunday School or group, and in our homes.

4. Have the group arrange a World Friendship day for the whole camp. Make each tent responsible for one country.

5. Have the group give a demonstration of games and songs of other nations. ''Far Peoples'' contains an excellent list.

6. Prepare a pageant to be presented before the whole camp showing scenes from our own mission fields.

7. Arrange a missionary programme for one of the campfires.

8. Plan to meet the girls in small informal groups and encourage the girls to take part in discussion and to ask questions.

9. Have as many pictures as possible, give some to each tent to study, then have a contest in which the girls see how many of the pictures they know something about. Lantern slides also might be used.

10. Assign a mission field to each tent—give them some material about that field (take back numbers of *Glad Tidings* with you or any informative books on the subject). At one of the campfires have a representative from each tent tell something of the work in that place or in one of the camp papers have an article by each tent on their assigned field.

11. The Handcraft group might make articles for our port workers.

12. Have the girls plan and write letters to be sent to our various missionaries telling of camp. (*Adapted*).

Girls' Work in India

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I HAVE been asked to write about our C.G.I.T. Group at Jhansi, India, ''The Blue Birds,'' and so take this opportunity of saying first of all that ''The Blue Birds'' are not a C.G.I.T. Group.

About three years ago now the Indian Christian teachers and I decided that our girls needed some group or club work to help them grow in Christian character. With such an aim it would perhaps not be wrong to say the group formed was a C.G.I.T. Group or ''Christian Girls in

Training.'' They are not called that however, nor have they any connection with C.G.I.T. Groups. They are connected with the Baden-Powell Girl Guide Movement and their work and training is very much the same as that of the Girl Guide work here except, of course, that it is taught in their own language, Hindi.

As I said, we decided our girls needed some way of learning ideals of fair play and honesty and the other essentials of Christian character in every-day life. Most of the teachers had had experience in Girl Guide work, so we formed the ''First Jhansi Girl Guide Group and 'Blue Bird' Group.''

Here in Canada we would call such a group of girls ''The Brownies.'' In India, the word ''Brownie'' would not have the same meaning and to try to explain about fairies and brownies would, I fear, suggest spirits or gods to be feared and worshipped. There is in India a beautiful blue bird and so is it any wonder the Guide leaders named the younger group ''Blue Birds?'' They were named after that beautiful bird and the children taught that in their life they must be kind and happy and true.

Back row—Teachers, middle row—Captains and seconds of Girl Guide Company, front row—Captains and seconds of "Bluebirds", Jhansi, India.

That is why we formed this Group in the Girls' School in Jhansi. It was not popular at first. Indian people are very suspicious of anything new and so at the beginning the Guides and ''Blue Birds'' were not happy in their Groups. It was just another task imposed upon them by their teachers and Principal. We almost had to force them to attend the meetings. It was not long, though, before they really began to enjoy the work, and now if we suggested disbanding there would be real sorrow.

The Girl Guides are the older girls from twelve to eighteen years of age and the ''Blue Birds'' are the younger girls from seven to twelve years of age. As soon as a ''Blue Bird'' is twelve years old she moves on into the Guide Group. The Guides have a pretty uniform, a white blouse with a navy blue sari. The ''Blue Bird'' uniform looks more like the uniform of a C.G.I.T. Group in Canada. It is a white middy with blue collar and cuffs and tie, worn with a navy blue skirt.

The girls were, of course, not allowed to wear the uniform until they had passed the Tenderfoot Tests and were properly enrolled by a Guide Commissioner. It was some months before that was possible but it was a happy day for them when the English Commissioner came and enrolled and registered both the Guide and ''Blue Bird'' Groups. When they saw the other girls in uniform, those who had not yet won theirs worked harder than ever and when they did win it they were the proudest girls in the whole city of Jhansi.

Since these Groups have been formed we have noticed an improvement in our girls. They are learning in a happy way to forget the petty quarrels and jealousies so common before. They have learned that their teachers are not taskmasters but friends working to help them to better things and better times.

In every way we in India are proud of our Guides and ''Blue Birds'' and hope that they and the C.G.I.T. Groups in Canada may indeed be in training for the service of our Church both now and in the future. We cannot call the Indian Groups Canadian Girls in Training but they are a group of Guides and a group of Christian girls, so we have the Indians and the Canadians, the East and the West, linked together as workers in training for the Master's service. May they each and every one strive to be earnest workers and true followers of Him who taught us the beauty of service.

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IN the spring last year the C.G.I.T. Groups of Knox Church, Ottawa, had two outstanding contacts with the W.M.S. in their Church. The first was in connection with their Mother and Daughter banquet. The girls had studied ''Council Fires'' all winter, and so in planning for this banquet they decided to use a decided Indian influence. Woodland shades of green and brown were chosen for table decorations, and for favors the girls made small teepees (filled with candy), while tiny bows and arrows held the place cards. During the programme, songs and recitations from Indian folk lore were given, and one of the girls spoke briefly, outlining the missionary education project carried out. This was an indirect contact, perhaps, as the guests were not all members of the W.M.S., though many of them were. However, the President of the Auxiliary was there in her official capacity, and brought greetings.

A few weeks later the girls were the guests of the Auxiliary. They sat in as the devotional exercises and business were conducted, in many cases learning for the first time of the scope of the work done under the banner of the Women's Missionary Society. The rest of the evening was given over to the girls, to demonstrate to the ladies the lines of missionary education followed in the groups. The older girls presented a pageant dealing with world friendship, and the younger ones used the Indian dramatization given in the *Glad Tidings* a few months before. Then the good ladies took that open way to girls' hearts and gave them a party—cocoa, sandwiches and cake.

The contact thus made a year ago has been well maintained, and at the Affiliation Service held this winter the President of the Knox Auxiliary and the Presbyterial President were present, bringing greetings and welcome to the girls. There have been other contacts too, and it was only the interruptions contingent upon moving into a new Church which delayed the girls in extending an invitation to the whole Auxiliary to attend one of their meetings. This return of hospitality will take place before the year is over, and at this meeting some of the friends whom the girls have met this winter in "Who Is My Neighbor" will be presented in due form to their mothers in the Society.

Chinese C. G. I. T. Group, Victoria, B.C.

Miss Gertrude Scott

THE "Shining Lights" C.G.I.T. Group of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, of Victoria, B.C., has been in existence for four years, having been organized at the request of the girls of the Mission, who felt they were outgrowing the Mission Band. After some thought the name "Shining Lights" was suggested, and in their opening ceremony these four lines are sung,

"Light of light! shine o'er us
On our pilgrim way,
Go Thou still before us
To the endless day."

The group is affiliated with the W.M.S. and as meetings are held twice a month only, owing to many of the girls attending Chinese classes as well as public school, mission study is taken up at each meeting. The books used are those issued each year by the W.M.S. and items from *Glad Tidings* are also read. Each year sewing is done for the supply work, children's dresses, baby clothes, a quilt being among the articles sent.

Two C.G.I.T. members have taught Sunday School classes, one plays the hymns for the Sunday School and the evening Church service, and several sing in the choir. They show a real desire to help in the Church activities and numerous services have been rendered the Mission. Five members of the Group have become members of the Church.

Last year, the President, Esther Chan, went away to Hong Kong, where she is now attending school. Her letters say she is still a C.G.I.T. girl, and hopes to be back again at the meetings. She is attending a mission school there and I know is a worthy example of a Canadian Chinese Christian.

One useful project the group undertook this last winter, was a series of health lectures given by a Public Health nurse. The girls can do so much for their own people here in improving home conditions, and I am sure the useful knowledge gained will be a real help to many of them.

At every meeting a worship service is held, with scripture reading, words of explanation, prayer and hymns, all chosen to work out a theme.

The C.G.I.T. really fills a need in the girls' life, and they are proud to belong to a sisterhood that purposes to cherish health, seek truth, know God and serve others. They are better girls for having this organization, and when the time comes for them to have homes of their own, surely those homes will be better for the introduction of high ideals into them.

"Shining Lights" C.G.I.T., Chinese Mission, Victoria

JEWISH GIRLS' CLUB

THE Jewish Teen-age Girls' Club meets on Wednesday evening at the Palmerston House, Toronto. The work among this group requires a lot of tact and patience. They are a band of 15 bright, keen and lively Jewish girls, who receive Christian instruction and Bible study with a very gratifying response. Three girls of this group have recently confessed Christ.

"Canoriel" C. G. I. T. Group

JEAN MACMURCHY

WHAT does "Canoriel" mean? is the natural question. It is a contraction of two words "Canadian-Oriental", words that are of equal importance to a small group of Canadian born Chinese girls, resident in Toronto. This C.G.I.T. Group has six members and was organized just a little over a year ago by Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, who is now a missionary nurse in India. Meetings are held every second Friday evening in the Chinese Young Men's Christian Institute, in the heart of Toronto. The devotional period is conducted by the leader, the girls assisting in turn, according to the order of their office. The girls are never more happy than when it is time to begin the work period. Last year their special object was to make articles for the annual bazaar of the Chinese Women's Sewing Class, which was held in November. The girls were allowed a little section of their own and how proud they were as each article found a purchaser. The proceeds from the sale of their work and candy were donated to the bazaar funds for Christian work in China. The girls were also in charge of the tea room at the bazaar, and for the opening day they were dressed in oriental costume, the next day in C.G.I.T. uniform.

On the World Day of Prayer they followed the programme prepared for girls and sent in their offering as a small contribution towards the work.

A Hungarian Young People's Society

MRS. CHAS. STEINMETZ, *née Beatrice Bernath*

A LITTLE "glad tidings" we have to share with you is that a Young People's Society was organized in connection with the First Hungarian Presbyterian Church, Toronto. This has come about in response to the wish of the young people attending the Church. We hope to follow the regular Young People's Society programme. This is not going to be an easy thing to do, as it appears that many of the Hungarian young people we hope to win for our Society are deeply imbued with a quest for pleasures found elsewhere than within Christian circles. However, we plan to have some of the Canadian Young People's Societies meet with us every so often, and in that way our young people will see that others derive a real joy and pleasure from Christian activities. I am very anxious for the growth and endurance of this little group of twelve.

Our National Mission Work

Presbyterian Residences

MANY encouragements are noted in the work accomplished in the Residences, but naturally, discouragements have not been lacking. Two of the Residences are still filled to capacity, one has been moderately well filled, and two have felt the effects of the world wide depression, and through no fault of the management have had a comparatively small number of students, especially in the fall term. Sincere sympathy is felt for these Superintendents who have keenly regretted the smaller attendance, with the accompanying reduction in revenue. How nobly they have set themselves to the task of reducing expenses and how nobly they have succeeded only their Secretary and the Council Executive know.

Vegreville, Alta.—Here we have two Residences, one for boys and one for girls, with Mrs. A. Robertson as Superintendent, and Miss McKee, as Matron. There were 35 pupils enrolled—a very gratifying number considering conditions in the west. Parents unable to pay fees in cash, have brought in produce, to the amount of $211.95, market price. Mrs. Millar, the cook, has canned over 100 quarts of meat and fowl, thus saving the buying of meat, until the summer holidays. She also canned many quarts of vegetables from the garden and has baked all the bread required in both Residences. They have about 100 hens, and they supply the eggs needed. The above shows how the Superintendent is enabled to finance the Residences so satisfactorily. Mrs. Robertson was able to send the General Treasurer over $1,500.00, this amount being largely from pupils' fees. In September, the public school found that they were able to accommodate all the pupils, so the little Mission school was closed. Miss McLeod was appointed on the staff of Vegreville Public School. There are 33 pupils and 4 teachers in the Sunday School. Collections amounted to $23.75, of which $5.00 collected on ''Mother's Day,'' and $3.55 on ''Rally Day'' was sent to Toronto. Fifty awards were given to pupils memorizing the Primary Catechism, the Shorter Catechism and the S.S. Memory Course. There were 41 members in the Mission Band. Collections were $48.15. Six were made Junior Members.

Two girls, former pupils, are teaching this year near Vegreville. The ''Cecilia Brower'' prize of $12.00, was won by four of the girls, each receiving $3.00, which is to be used for school supplies or examination fees.

Christmas Day the pupils congregated in the sitting room of the Boys' Residence at 7 a.m. to hear the Empire broadcast and the King's speech, which came through very clearly. Splendid bales of clothing were sent in, which were much needed and greatly appreciated.

New Liskeard, Ont.—After six years' service as Superintendent, Miss Manson completed her work in July, and, on September 1st, Miss Margaret Robertson assumed the duties of Superintendent. Nine pupils were registered during the first school term. In September 13 were enrolled, and by October there were 15—10 girls and 5 boys—the full number that can be accommodated. The students have done well in their studies—one boy taking the highest marks in the whole school, at the last examination. The students attend St. Andrew's Church and Sabbath School. In October the Residence was favored by a visit from the Moderator, the Very Reverend Robert Johnston, D.D., which was much enjoyed by all.

Huntingdon, Que.—Mrs. Gouldthorpe, the Superintendent, reports that the Residence is filled to capacity. This means that 25 pupils—10 girls and 15 boys—are registered, and attending public and high school. The 22 pupils who took the examinations in June, all passed, 3 of them receiving cash prizes for coming second in their grade. Two of these, who have been in Residence for four years, graduated. One intends entering MacDonald College to train as a teacher, the other has entered Sherbrooke Hospital and is training as a nurse. The boys and girls attend St. Andrew's Church and Sunday School, receiving the usual certificates and seals for regular attendance and work. The morning and evening Bible lesson is in line with the Sunday School work. All the children are memorizing the books of the Bible. Even the smallest child is able to ask a ''Blessing'' before meals.

Prince Albert, Sask.—From January to June there was an average attendance of 7 students, all but one attending the collegiate. Of those students, 2 are now at the University of Saskatchewan, one at Normal and one taking a secretarial course. Two were unable to return owing to circumstances, the remaining one of the group is still at the Residence. The continued depression, and low price of farm produce, made it impossible for many country students to attend school, therefore playing havoc with the School Residences, the number in our Residence being reduced to three.

Saskatoon, Sask.—This Residence being the largest and the type of student different from the others has made the problem of its administration very difficult. Only 10 students were registered during the year. This was due entirely to the general conditions prevailing, and it was in reality a much better showing than that of similar institutions in the province. To cope with the falling revenue, Miss Scott and Miss Geddes, at once planned ways and means of reducing the cost of administration. They have been successful to a very large degree and economies have been practised in every department. By using a different grade of coal, though it meant more work, there has been a saving of nearly $100.00. The staff has been reduced to two—a maid and a janitor, Miss Scott and Miss Geddes doing the greater part of the work including the laundry.

Chinese in Canada

VICTORIA.—The morning kindergarten had 51 pupils at the beginning of the year. Thirteen have gone on to public school, and 4 left for China. The afternoon class under Miss Scott had as its special object the improvement of the pupils' English by stories, reading, writing and songs. Miss Scott has also given English lessons to Chinese women. She had 12 music pupils and the Music Club and recitals were a source of pleasure to many. On four afternoons a week Miss Grace Lee conducted Chinese lessons for juniors, and individual adult lessons in Bible reading in Chinese. In the evenings Miss Lee and the Rev. Mr. Leung held a senior Chinese class. Hymns and Scripture reading were part of the daily curriculum, helping to promote Christian knowledge among the pupils, many of whom come from non-Christian homes. The Mission Band met each month, with average attendance 20. After mission study, time was devoted to handwork, and a parcel of toys, knitted garments, etc., was sent to the Presbyterial Supply Secretary. The C.G.I.T. has 14 enrolled. One of the many activities of this group was their attendance at a series of health talks given by a Public Health nurse. The girls helped in Church work, in the choir and in Sunday School. The Sunday School had 102 pupils. The Women's Missionary Auxiliary had a satisfactory year with a membership of 15.

Vancouver.—Kindergarten members were increased from 42 to 51. During the year the children memorized parts of the Bible, the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, hymns and Bible stories. A girls' class met every Friday under Miss Armstrong. The Mission Band has gone on satisfactorily. Much time has been given to Bible study. A successful summer school was held in July.

The senior boys meet every Saturday and have been studying the life of Christ. The W.M.S. have had very fine meetings. There were 22 members on the roll and the collections amounted to $20.60. Seventy-one Chinese homes have been visited. A new sense of the power of God and a new dependence on Him have been evident among many of those ministered to by our W.M.S. workers. Two whole families consisting of twelve persons in all were baptized during 1932.

Regina.—Mrs. Martin expressed her admiration for the courage and fortitude shown by the Chinese mothers of families who have so uncomplainingly faced the hardships of these trying times.

Toronto.—Miss Lavina Dickman was obliged to return to her home in June, and the kindergarten work, which she had directed so acceptably, was placed in charge of Miss Lily Yeung who has carried it on very capably. The school has 14 children.

The Mission Band is now fully organized with its own officers. After an hour of study and religious exercises carpentry was engaged in by the boys, while the girls sewed. The sum of $6.00 was handed to the Presbyterial Treasurer for Missions.

The C.G.I.T. met every fortnight with a membership of six. A Chinese Boy Scout Company has been organized.

The ladies' Sunday afternoon class has met regularly. The attendance has been increased by 7. The sewing class met each Friday, and sewed for their bazaar held on November 24th and 25th. $191.00 was realized, which owing to the rate of exchange, represented $600.00 in Chinese currency. $200.00 of this was sent for relief, and $400.00 for missions in China.

Mrs. Mah has done her usual valuable work among the women. Miss Lambert has been active beyond her strength. Mrs. Gilbert and Miss Yeung have given music lessons to a number of the children.

The Bible Vacation School, in charge of Miss Dickson, was marked by a record attendance.

Brockville.—Miss Davies has visited the following centres: Belleville, Trenton, Kingston, Gananoque, Prescott, Iroquois, Morrisburg, Smiths Falls, Carleton Place and Perth, besides carrying on her work in her own town.

Montreal.—The enrolment in the kindergarten is 33. The Helping Hand Club is composed of 16 girls and boys. A company of Boy Scouts has been organized and 10 boys have enrolled. Work among the women has gone on steadily. Regular monthly meetings were held. The interest was great and the attendance most gratifying. Homes have been visited and help has been given in many and varied ways.

Miss Dickson has made four trips to Toronto during the year, also three to Ottawa and one to Perth and Carleton Place. In September she visited Windsor, Chatham, London, Ingersoll, Brantford and Hamilton.

A feature of the year's work was a very successful Bible Vacation School carried on by Mrs. Herman and Miss Jue, while Miss Dickson was conducting the School in Toronto.

Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Department

THE Welcome and Welfare Department is responsible for meeting and ministering to Presbyterian newcomers at the Port of Quebec, forwarding the names to their nearest minister and Auxiliary, the following up by visitors from the local Societies and the gathering into our Church life all who are able to attend.

Deaconesses at large follow the lines of Home missionary work and visit particularly the outlying districts of the cities, bringing in recruits for every department of the Church.

Missionary Deaconesses conduct Sabbath Schools, Mission Bands, Girls' Groups, Young People's Societies, W.M.S. Auxiliaries, and hold Church services where there is not a minister.

Our workers are stationed as follows: Miss R. Scott, Port Worker, Quebec; Miss I. Munro, Deaconess and Station Worker, Montreal; Miss M. Hugill, Deaconess at large, Ottawa; Miss M. Murray, visitor to women in 7 large hospitals and the Mercer Reformatory, Toronto; Miss M. Walker, Deaconess in Scott Institute, Toronto (Jewish work); Miss J. Maystrowich, Deaconess in Ukrainian Mission, Toronto; Mrs. C. Steinmetz, Deaconess (part time) Hungarian Mission in Toronto; Miss M. Allan, Deaconess at large, Hamilton; Mrs. F. Kovacs, part time worker among the Hungarian women and children in Hamilton; Mrs. M. Mackenzie, in charge of All People's Mission, R. R. 4, Winnipeg; Miss M. Todd, Deaconess at large, Winnipeg; Miss D. Jenkinson, Missionary Deaconess, East Selkirk, where last year a Church was erected, furnished and entirely paid for; Miss L. Macarthur, Deaconess at large, Regina; Miss H. Ross, Deaconess at large, Saskatoon; Miss F. Matthews, Deaconess at large, Red Deer; Miss H. Macdonald, Missionary Deaconess, Pouce Coupe, Peace River; Miss M. Grigor, Deaconess at large, Vancouver; Mrs. McLean, Missionary Deaconess, Vancouver. These workers are engaged in the building up of our Church, whether in the crowded cities or in the far distant outposts.

There is a Welcome and Welfare Secretary in every Auxiliary who, if notified, will gladly forward names of removals or of young people going to the cities to enter business or educational fields, so that these may be visited and related to some organization of the nearest Church.

In addition to the work of our Hospital Visitor, 3889 people were met at the port of Quebec and their names forwarded; 18,420 visits were paid; 1,433 letters written concerning newcomers or removals and 1,723 have in some way connected themselves with the life of the Church.

Indian Residential Schools

WITH all its difficulties and anxieties, particularly in regard to finance in view of the 10 per cent. cut in Government grant (and recently a further 5 per cent. cut), the work is in a very healthy and promising condition. One feels the pity that the energy of the Principals has to be so expended on paring down even necessities that much of the opportunity of direct influence is curtailed. Never was the prospect more promising with children and parents, never was the work so stabilized.

Mistawasis, Sask.—The Improved Day School conducted by the Rev. Wm. Moore in addition to his ministerial work is thriving. A new Church building was erected by the Indians, who show a vital interest in the services. Chief Dreaver is a staunch Presbyterian and takes great interest in every phase of the work. We owe a great debt, too, to Mrs. Moore, Rev. Mr. Moore's mother, who oversees the preparation and serving of the lunch, which means much to boys and girls living at a distance. The congestion in the school room was somewhat relieved by 7 pupils attending Birtle Residential School during the first half of the year.

The W.M.S. at the Gala Treaty Day made $50.00 selling food, etc. The Mission Band have their mite-boxes filled with hard earned coppers, and a real desire is evident to pass on to others the gospel privileges.

Birtle, Man.—Were we allowed to increase our attendance to capacity, finance would not be such a burden. Eight pupils are ready for discharge and 28 are ready to take their places, while we are limited by the Department to 115 pupils.

The health of the school was so good that the inspecting Government nurse finished her work in half a day. Recently, however, ''flu'' swept the school, 70 being in bed at one time.

That the spiritual aims of the School are being attained, was evidenced when the new congregation was organized in June, 18 being received into full Communion. The budget givings were more than doubled, $400 being given, and a gift of money was also sent to the W.M.S.

The inside work of the School and the farming of a section and a quarter with financing, spiritual leadership, teaching and training in so many phases of industry, more than tax the energies of our faithful staff. To them, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Currie, our invaluable Principal and his wife, we owe a great debt.

''Cecilia Jeffrey'', Kenora, Ont.—The reduction of grants by $3,300 (and now by an increased 5 per cent.) gives Mr. E. Byers, the Principal, as well as our Finance Committee, very grave concern. That there are only 60 acres of arable land in this rockbound place, means that income from crop sources is restricted. One hundred and forty-six pupils are in attendance and increased confidence in the school is evidenced. The Band has been a great help to the discipline and morale of the School.

One who heard it says, "it is making marvellous progress and amazed the white people who had the privilege of hearing it play." They gave selections at the official opening of the Trans-Continental Highway in July. The boys and girls picked $300 worth of blueberries to help finances.

Rev. Mr. Atkinson, of Kenora, goes out to the School regularly. "Usually there are baptisms and receptions into Church fellowship at each Communion."

Hospitals

THE **"Rolland M. Boswell" Hospital, Vegreville, Alta.**—Miss A. L. McPherson, Superintendent. "During the year 339 patients were treated, 112 being surgical, 57 obstetrical and 170 medical cases. We had less patients this year than last, and a larger number of non-paying patients. We took farm produce, also wood and coal on accounts. We received bales from the different Presbyterials, also 54 quarts of fruit. This is all a great help in this time of depression. During the year, we gave clothing, bedding and Christmas cheer to needy patients. The 'Hospital Aid' gave 100 quarts of fruit, a chair for the sitting-room of the Nurses' Home, and *The Edmonton Journal* for the year."

The "Hugh Waddell" Memorial Hospital, Canora, Sask.—Miss M. W. Cuddy, Superintendent. "Four hundred and eighty-six patients were admitted—a decrease in number, which, of course, affects our finances. Though ready money has been extremely scarce we have found a desire on the part of most, to endeavor to meet their financial obligation, in part at least. A great deal of produce has been given on accounts. The town of Canora was able to give their usual grant, and several of the rural municipalities were in a position to pay something on their accounts. The 'Hospital Aid' gave us a portable fracture table, costing about $200. Several Ukrainian organizations put linoleum rugs in wards. A very fine hamper was sent at Christmas from one of the districts. All outside districts supported the 'Hospital Aid' when raising funds for the fracture table. The members of staff put linoleum rugs in their rooms at the Residence. Our supplies have been more than satisfactory. We appreciate the many little extras enclosed. Many a mother has been made happy with a complete baby outfit. We have also had lovely baby clothes for use in the hospital. The pretty crib coverlets, scrap-books, toys and dolls have made our children's ward extremely attractive, and a real play-ground for the small convalescents. To the New Canadians coming within our doors the staff have strived to convey to them, through their services, the spirit of Christian fellowship. How little or how much they have succeeded we cannot say, but the many expressions of appreciation make us feel, that our work has not all been in vain."

The "Presbyterian Hospital", South Porcupine, Ont., is the only one of our hospitals to have had a larger number of patients this year, than in 1931. Miss M. B. Wenger, the Superintendent, reports ''238 patients, an increase of 25. Of these, 67 were medical, 30 major operations, 53 minor operations, 35 obstetrical and 22 accident cases. A number of out-door patients were also given treatments. The patients were drawn from many different races and were of various religious beliefs. Expenditures on building repairs and upkeep were kept down to the lowest minimum possible, and a considerable reduction was made in overhead expenditure by readjustment of the wages of the help. We distributed a large number of boxes at Christmas to families in need. Goods sent in bales from the Presbyterials were used for these.''

There is no report from the hospital in Fort McMurray, Alberta, where for some years Miss Olive Ross gave most efficient service. The Council Executive, acting on the advice of the Alberta Advisory Committee closed the hospital on May 1st, 1932, because it was felt by the Advisory Committee that the need for the hospital had passed. M.C.G.F.

Presbyterian Deaconesses Receive Diplomas

One good deed sown ''in this black world,'' or one bright word spoken to a fellow creature ''goes on and on and magnifies itself, knowing no ending.''

ON the evening of Thursday, April 6th, Rev. P. A. Dunn, M.A., minister of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, brought this message to the happy graduates of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, assembled in Knox College Chapel, Toronto, Ontario, where the impressive closing exercises were held. He felt that their hopes might be too high, too soon dashed, and his words, full of encouragement and understanding, he wanted to serve in the nature of a warning.

The place of woman in the Church, he felt, was a glorious and honored one ''not only to-day, but through the ages.'' It was right, he thought, that there should be an order for them as well as for the men. ''The value of the work of a deaconess to a minister is tremendous,'' he said. ''Unless a minister develops the human side of the work, it seems to me, the ministry of the Church is ineffectual.''

The fine work of the School was revealed in the excellent report of the Principal, Miss Winifred Ferguson.

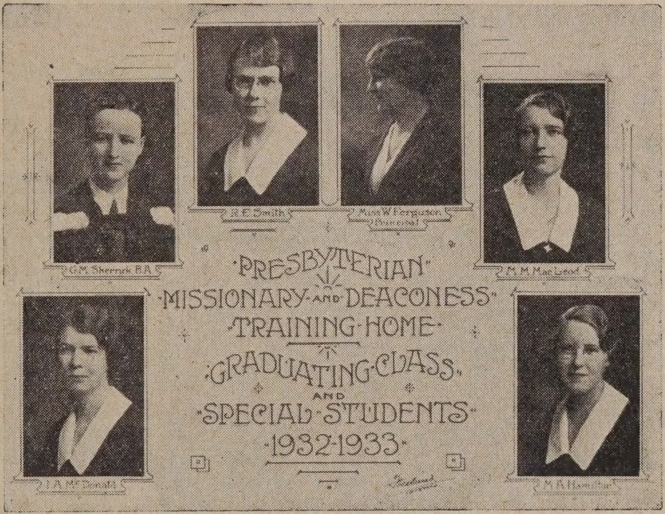
''The residential capacity of the Training Home has,'' she stated, ''been taxed to the utmost. Of the 23 residents, 12 have been either students-in-training, or graduates employed in the work of the Church. The remaining 11 have been students of various University faculties. The

Training Home has therefore served a dual purpose—that of training new workers for the service of the Church, and providing an ideal residence for Presbyterian University students.

''Of the 10 students-in-training, 9 are enrolled for work in Canada, and one for overseas, a division caused, no doubt, by the policy of the W.M.S. to undertake no new work in these days of financial strain.

''The nine graduates of last year are, with one exception, at work—5 overseas and 3 in Canada.''

Deep regret was expressed at parting with the Chairman, Mr. R. J. Lillico, to whose activity and foresight, much of the present prosperity of the Training Home is due, and from Dr. Stenhouse, both of whom have served the Board most faithfully.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The new Chairman, Rev. H. A. Berlis, presided, and the service of praise was led by the choir of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

The presentation of class certificates to first year students was made by Rev. R. C. McDermid, and of Teacher Training, by Rev. W. M. Kannawin, D.D. Rev. J. B. Skene, Clerk of Presbytery, presented the diplomas, Dr. J. Stenhouse, the proficiency awards, and Rev. H. A. Berlis, the scholarships.

Members of the graduating class are: Miss Roberta E. Smith, Orillia, Ont.; Miss Isabel A. McDonald, Big Bras D'or, C.B., N.S.; Miss Martha A. Hamilton, Huntingdon, Que.; and Miss Mora M. McLeod, Maxville, Ont . A special student, under appointment by the W.M.S. to the Bhil Field, India, was Miss Gertrude M. Sherrick, B.A., Weyburn, Sask.

The following scholarships were awarded: General Proficiency (1st year) Miss Edith Taylor, Goderich, Ont.; (2nd year) Miss Isabel McDonald, Big Bras D'or, Cape Breton; Proficiency in Bible Studies (1st year) Miss Elizabeth Walker, Carnduff, Sask., and Miss Vesta Gast, Strathroy, Ont.—equal; (2nd year) Miss M. Hamilton, Huntingdon, Que.

Proficiency awards to those attaining 75 per cent. and over were given by Dr. John Stenhouse to Miss Roberta Smith, Orillia, Ont., and Miss Mora McLeod, Maxville, Ont., of the senior year and Miss Marion McClive, Niagara Falls, of the junior year.

Miss Roberta Simth received a special prize given by the Principal for loving service and contacts made which brought honor and prestige to the School.

Miss Gertrude M. Sherrick, B.A., Weyburn, Sask., a special student, was given the year's diploma. M.C.G.F.

Editorial Notes

Changes in Secretaryships

WITH the near approach of the Enlarged Council Executive Meeting we would take this opportunity of referring briefly to the changes in Secretaryships which have taken place since the meeting of a year ago.

First, was the resignation of Miss I. S. Pringle, beloved by all her co-workers and those she served, first as Library then as Hospital Secretary. Only her uncertain health reconciled us to the withdrawal of one whose service on the W.M.S. Board has been so long, so rich and so sincere.

The next to resign was Mrs. Thomas Findley, Young Women's Auxiliary Secretary. It was Mrs. Findley's hope that at the expiration of an extended leave of absence she would take up the work dear to her heart, but that was impossible and her final resignation was accepted with sincere regret. Her Secretaryship was taken over by Mrs. J. D. Holman and, if we mistake not, our readers will have good reason to follow with growing interest the page in *Glad Tidings* entitled, *Young Women,* conducted by Mrs. Holman.

Another distinct loss is the withdrawal, on account of health and family reasons, of Mrs. W. R. Adamson, who occupied two onerous and important posts: first that of Treasurer and, for the past year, that of Mission Band Secretary. Her successor is Mrs. A. R. Riddell, also an outstanding worker and leader of children, and assistant some years ago of the Department of which she now becomes head.

The latest resignation was that of Mrs. Geo. H. Sedgewick, Secretary of the Chinese work in Canada. We feel sure that only the removal of her home to Ottawa would disassociate Mrs. Sedgewick from the work among the Chinese with all its intricacies, problems, and charm. We can wish nothing finer for her successor in office, Mrs. J. C. Wood, formerly of St. Catharines and a worker in Hamilton Presbyterial, than that she may have the same love and loyalty of the Chinese people which Mrs. Sedgewick enjoyed.

Announcement is also made of the election of Miss Elizabeth Forsyth, an experienced Auxiliary worker, to the Council Executive. Only one vacancy now remains unfilled.

While new faces are seen round the Board table and new names appear on the list of W.M.S. officers in the *Glad Tidings*—and we welcome them all—we ever hold in memory those who have shared for lesser or longer periods the responsibility of office.

A Devoted Missionary Worker Passes

A GREAT loss has been sustained by our Church and W.M.S. in the passing away on March 30th, in Edmonton, of Mrs. Peter McNaughton, widow of the late Captain Peter McNaughton of the 49th Battalion, who was killed in action in 1916. Mrs. McNaughton was a devoted member of First Presbyterian Church, Edmonton, Exchange Secretary of Edmonton Presbyterial, Treasurer of the Auxiliary for twenty-one years, and a generous giver to all philanthropic work. She was especially devoted to missions, and for the past ten years she chose some one whom she thought worthy and made her an Honorary Member of the W.M.S. In addition, as a special gift she has paid the salaries of two Bible women in India, and has financed the teaching and training, in Toronto, of a Chinese girl from British Columbia, paid the entire expense in connection with the work of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Robertson and a Bible woman and blind girl assistant who are carrying on in Canton, China, and was also a generous supporter of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Mrs. McNaughton was a faithful steward of her talents and means, and the good that she did will live on and on in the changed lives of a multitude of people.

Enlarged Council Executive Meeting

THE Enlarged Council Executive Meeting will be held in the Canadian School of Missions, 97 St. George St., Toronto, beginning May 30th, at 10 a.m. The meetings will be of a business nature, with the addition of a public meeting at Calvin Church when addresses will be given by Dr. Jessie MacBean, Hackett Medical College, Canton, China, Dr. Margaret Strang, Dixonville, Alta., and Miss Annie L. Whatling, Jhansi, India. We ask for special intercession during this important gathering.

New Address

IN future please address all mail for Miss Jean C. MacLean to Nagamine Yama, Oishi Nada Ku, Kobe, Japan.

YOUR Editor regrets the lateness of the May magazine. This was due to a series of circumstances, primarily her illness. We promise the June issue will be on time.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and ever blessed God, we thank Thee that Thou hast taught us when we pray to Thee to say ''Our Father.'' It speaks to us of home, of love, and of protecting care. We thank Thee for the sweet and precious memories of our earthly homes. We bless Thee for these schools of our childhood, for the fathers and mothers whose example and instruction and tender ministries have made them forever sacred. Bless, we pray Thee, the homes of to-day, make and keep them wholesome and pure, and may the parents continue to instil into the minds of their children and young people such high ideals of life that their hearts will be turned to the claims and privileges of Christian service. We thank Thee for our Church with her appointed ordinances and ministries by which the weary and heavy laden can find relief and healing. We thank Thee that, to-day, increasing multitudes meet to bow together before the Eternal Throne to find Thee to be gracious, ministering help according to their need. Graciously pour forth upon the ministers and membership of our Church the spirit of prayer and consecration that their whole lives may be a testimony to the truth, and that others seeing their good works may be attracted to Thee. We thank Thee, our Father, that the lines have fallen unto us in pleasant places, and that we have a goodly heritage. Make Canada, we beseech Thee, a righteous nation. Bind the hearts of diverse races into a common citizenship. May our Dominion be so characterized by loyalty to Thee that the favor and blessing of Heaven may rest upon it and that generations to come may receive at our hands an inheritance of justice, purity and peace. This we ask with the pardon of our sins, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

SECTIONAL meetings are being held, and groups will be gathering together to obtain new programme ideas, and subjects for current events and special addresses. It is well to order books for the literature table in time, and no matter how small a meeting may be, it is not too small to have a few helps sent on approval. This month we have specially selected a small book, and a leaflet which we have ordered in quantities, because it seems to fill the present needs of our members. This is Girls' Organizations number and some especially attractive helps are listed for the girls.

HIS PEACE—the way of living without worrying—by Norman Harrison, is one of the most beautiful little books we have found for some time, and just the message needed now. We thoroughly recommend it, and would ask every Literature Secretary to mention it this spring. Paper bound 30c, art bound 45c.

THE ART OF STEWARDSHIP is a leaflet, written with a frank and beautiful spirit, which makes it worthy of being widely used and read. It is new, printed in good type, and will be sent to any address for 5c.

ST. CUTHBERT'S, the saga of a Presbyterian minister in a Scottish parish, is the ''Bonnie Briar Bush'' of Canada. It was written by R. E. Knowles, was printed some years ago, went out of print, and now a new edition has just been brought out which sells at $2.00.

SANDY'S SON, by C. L. Cowan, is another book which the Scottish heart in Canada would enjoy. Like St. Cuthbert's it tells the story of human joys and sorrows with the lilt of the Gaelic tongue. $2.00 per copy.

FAVORITE HYMNS is a new collection just received. For a solo, or to sing the favorite tunes around the piano in the evening, this is one of the most beautiful collections ever issued. Over three hundred favorites, with both music and words plainly printed, and a hard back, for only 75c. per book.

We also supply Presbyterian Books of Praise. Write for prices if your Church requires new books.

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YOUNG WOMEN

THE MESSAGE OF SPRING

"GOD is not far from any one of us," wrote the poet, and how true are these words in these days of springtime. Surely God is walking in the garden of earth, quickening again the garden which He commanded to come forth in the early days of creation.

As the winter mellows into spring, we instinctively feel the tug of hope at our heart-strings. Spring means new life, new hopes and aspirations, a quickened consciousness of the underlying meanings of life and duties. And what does all this mean to you as members of Young Women's Auxiliaries? Does it mean a renewal of your interest in the work of our Society; a new consciousness of loyalty to the obligations you have undertaken, or a more hopeful attitude, plus a will to be more loyal, that your Auxiliary may attain real success.

Let each and all of us accept this springtime urge of hope, especially this year when there is perhaps too great a tendency to look on the darker side and with the poet Whittier let us earnestly believe that:

"Behind the cloud the starlight lurks,
Through showers the sunbeams fall;
For God, who loveth all His works
Has left His hope with all."

Success Suggestions

Choose the Scripture Readings carefully and occasionally draw attention to the message contained in the portion read. Plan to have the message you choose relate to the topic to be studied at that particular meeting. —*F. D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

"THE web is woven of the little threads,'' and now your 1932 web is revealed as a completed tapestry with the pattern of the year's work clearly stamped. Every individual girl has put in a stitch here and there; every organization, under the direction of the leaders, has fastened the threads, while the Presbyterials have fashioned the design and the provinces provided the blocks of color. On the whole, it is a web with which to be pleased. In spite of the fact that the light was not always the brightest by which to weave and that the thread was none too plentiful, you workers have persevered and the result has proved a credit to W.M.S. & Co.

There were 387 organizations at work during 1932, comprising a total membership of 4183 girls. This is an increase over 1931 of 10 organizations and 117 members. Supplies valued at $835, show an increase of $178.69; and contributions, $1,043.43, means a decrease of $239.15. The giving per girl averages 22 cents, which of course is not an actual fact, since Saskatchewan, for all its hard times, averaged 32 cents per girl. That is where Saskatchewan lends her bright touch to the tapestry. To British Columbia is due the increase in membership, as that province can boast 11 new groups. Alberta is the only province showing increase in all respects; organization, membership and givings. Manitoba and Ontario have stitched faithfully along and Quebec blazens the star for the largest 'teen age department in an individual congregation. So the web goes to adorn His Kingdom upon earth with a challenge to the weavers for ever brighter and better patterns in the future.

A Splendid Message to a Splendid Meeting

MANY of the girls throughout Canada have enjoyed hearing Dr. Jessie MacBean speak at some time during her furlough. The Toronto girls had this opportunity but recently, and this is the account of their meeting as appearing in the Globe, April 8.

People with a great capacity for friendship are China's great need to-day from the western world, Dr. Jessie MacBean told an eager army of several hundred Presbyterian girls of 'teen age in Chalmers' Church, where they had gathered to hear one final message from a beloved heroine before her return to a field where she has spent more than a quarter century. The handclasp of true friendship and the real understanding born of a sincere friendship could be powerful factors, she told these Canadian Girls in Training who represented the various Presbyterian churches in the city.

"China's problems may be solved, not by force but by good-will and love," said Dr. MacBean, who returns shortly to her duties as head of the obstetrics department in the Hackett Medical College in Canton City, South China. She told the girls about her own early experiences as a member of the Mission Band of St. John's Presbyterian Church when she first made up her mind to be a medical missionary. She was born in Toronto, graduated from the University of Toronto, and was the first medical doctor to go from the Presbyterian Church in Canada to South China.

"I wanted to go to India, I studied to go to India, and when the call came to go to China, I didn't want to go," said Dr. MacBean, who admitted last night that, after twenty-seven years, she loved China and the Chinese so dearly that she was thankful her plans had been changed for her.

"We train girls for medicine, for nursing and for pharmacy in our college," said Dr. MacBean, who holds in high esteem the women of China whom she has found to be clever doctors, excellent surgeons and students endowed with remarkable memories.

Rapid changes of fashion must be faced by the Chinese women if they want to be "fashionable"—and they all do, according to Dr. MacBean. This amused her rapt audience of girls in C.G.I.T. uniform and so did her slides of Chinese girls of the present and of various periods during her years of residence in China. Dr. MacBean showed many interesting pictures of South China, and delighted her listeners with her fascinating descriptions.

Mrs. A. C. Stewart, on behalf of the minister and officers of Chalmers Church welcomed the Canadian Girls in Training, and introduced Dr. MacBean. The girls conducted the programme, providing a competent and garrison Chairman, ushers and an excellent choir. A group of pretty Chinese girls sang charmingly.

"THE CANADIAN GIRL—WORLD CITIZEN"

ANOTHER gathering of great interest to girls was the C.G.I.T. Festival of music, song and drama, which took place in The Eaton Auditorium, Toronto, April 20th and 21st when the pageant, "The Canadian Girl—World Citizen," written by Miss Marian Royce—familiar to many as former National Girls' Work Secretary—was presented by 300 Canadian Girls in Training representing groups of all denominations. The pageant was comprised of three acts, portraying in the first the scope of the C.G.I.T. programme and its camp activities; in the second, the contributions made by the girl citizens coming to Canada from other countries;

and in the third, the united contribution of all these girls to the world, illustrated by the candle-lighting celebration. A chorus of 150 girls delighted the audience with their music. Many of the new songs will doubtless find their way to groups all over Canada. The entertainment was under the auspices of the Toronto Girls' Work Board.

Attention is drawn to the fact that every article in this number is written about some phase of girls' work. M.J.G.

MISSION BANDS

ON Christmas Day, 1932, we had an Empire Broadcast which circled the world and ended with a message from King George. The June *Glad Tidings* is to be given over largely to a Trans-Canada Mission Band Broadcast. We hope to have greetings from the Mission Bands of the Eastern Division of the Women's Missionary Society on the Atlantic, and to hear from Mission Bands in all our six provinces, from Quebec right across our country to the Pacific. At the end, we, too, will hear a message from our King.

Tune in over Station *Glad Tidings* for the Trans-Canada Mission Band Broadcast.

A Message from Your New Secretary

Dear Leaders and Mission Banders:

I KNOW how very sorry you all will be when you hear that Mrs. Adamson can no longer be your Secretary. I have been asked to take her place and am going to try and do the work as well as I can. I want to get to know you all and help you and I know that you will all help me.

I wondered if some of you would like to have little Mission Band gardens this summer? I would like you, even if you cannot have gardens of your own, to watch the flowers growing in other gardens. Notice the little seeds how small and insignificant they look and how many different kinds there are. In the heart of each little seed lies a lovely flower just waiting for a chance to bloom. When you have planted the seeds watch for the first green shoots and notice how quickly they grow when they have sunshine and rain. If you have your own garden, plant one little seed in a dark corner where it will not get any sunshine or rain and see what happens. It is great fun to watch the plants grow and the flowers open out. When you have some blooms would it not be nice to let the flowers from your Mission Band garden carry a message of love and cheer to some one else. Each one of you will know how your flowers can be little missionaries.

Next autumn and winter when our gardens are over we are going to study about flowers that bloom in all parts of the world, and so I want you to watch the flowers growing this summer and learn all you can about them.

I like to think of our Mission Bands as a lovely garden and all the Mission Banders as little flowers growing in it. There are big, bright ones and little shy ones, and each one is doing his or her share to make the garden brighter and happier. The garden is big, we have lots of room yet, will you not help to make it more beautiful this summer than ever before by planting more seeds? Every new member is a new little flower, and when the new little flowers get firmly rooted and start to bloom they, too, drop their seeds in the earth and more little flowers are planted and our garden becomes more and more beautiful each year. We are making some lovely plans for next autumn and winter, so bring all your friends to Mission Band now, for it will be nice for them to become members and know us all before we start our work in the autumn.

Affectionately,
Beatrice K. Riddell.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

Mrs. R. J. Chrystal, Carstairs, Press Secretary

Annual Meeting

DELEGATES representing Auxiliaries from all points of the province gathered in First Church, Edmonton, on March 14th and 15th for the nineteenth annual meeting of the Alberta Provincial W.M.S. Verse 58, 1st Cor. 15, ''Be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord,'' was the text selected for the Bible readings of the entire meeting, members of the three different Presbyterials using the three different parts as the text of the reading.

The reports of all departments were most encouraging in a year of many difficulties. The Treasurer reported $4,779.90 as the total amount received from all sources.

Miss McPhee reported interesting facts regarding the Vegreville Hospital and Presbyterian Residences.

The Literature Secretary sold $227.24 worth of literature during the year, also 3 Life Membership pins.

Alberta now has 36 Mission Bands, an increase of 6, with membership of 807, an increase of 111; 34 Junior Members; value of new supplies $141.25; contributions $432.59. Nine new Bands were organized during the year. There are 27 Auxiliaries, the same as last year, 6 Associate Societies, a total adult membership of 601; 7 Y.W. Societies with 124 members and 31 Girls' Organizations with 463 members, an increase of 3 Groups and 93 members, making a Junior Membership of 1,394. Total membership is 1,995.

The Student Secretary has made a splendid beginning in her work, she has received 61 names. The Home Helpers summary records 354 names and a contribution of $600.29. Life Membership Secretary reports 1 Honorary, 1 In Memoriam, 13 Life Members, 25 Junior Members with 3 gold, 2 silver and 4 blue seals, one Mission Band member becoming a Life Member.

The Supply Department has done splendidly and again exceeded the allocation. Total value of supplies $876.38. The Library Secretary has sent 1,899 lbs. of literature at a cost of $44.03 to places in the north and hospitals. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary has received 170 names, 628 visits have been made and much relief work done, with all calls answered and help given. There has been a greater demand for Lantern Slides and letters of appreciation have been received by the Secretary. The Exchange Secretary feels her work is becoming a service, 42 papers being sent out during the year.

Miss Frieda Matthews, new deaconess of the Red Deer district, covers a territory of 200 square miles. She has organized 7 Mission Bands, 2 Girls' Groups, 1 Young People's Society, to which 3 girls walked 3 miles, has a mother's club organized and an Auxiliary in the making.

The speaker for the session was Dr. Jessie MacBean, of South China, who gave three most instructive addresses, telling of the great work done in China and the need of still greater work for the future.

Calgary P.S.—Early in the year the ''Excelsior'' Group, C.G.I.T. of St. Andrew's Church, Calgary, entertained the ''True Blue'' and ''Busy Bees'' to a supper, followed by a singsong and games. These three groups are energetically carrying out programmes. The urge of spring comes to the groups to paint and decorate, and the ''True Blues'' are making picture puzzles to add to their quota of W.M.S. supplies.

The end of February the C.G.I.T. Group of Knox Church held an open meeting for mothers and interested Church members. The roll was answered by each girl naming a Presbyterian missionary and their field. A mother and daughter banquet was planned. The second chapter of the study book was presented by one of the girls.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mrs. D. A. Fowlie, 501 Winnipeg St., Penticton, Press Secretary

KOOTENAY P.S.—Trail Auxiliary varied the form of its meeting by having a lantern lecture. The slides, Canada, ''Churches and Institutions,'' and India, ''Land of Light and Shadow,'' were shown, the lecture being read by Rev. F. St. Dennis. The President conducted the opening exercises of a meeting that proved both interesting and educational.

Victoria P.S. annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, February 28th, with a good attendance of members and friends and interesting programmes for both forenoon and afternoon sessions. Mrs. A. G. McDonald, President, was in the chair. With a keynote of faith and loyalty she commended the work done during the difficult period of the past year and warmly urged the members to go forward with renewed zeal and courage.

Most welcome visitors were Mrs. James Herd, of Vancouver, Provincial President, and Mrs. R. C. Donald, of Toronto, Finance Secretary of the Council. Mrs. Donald, as usual, solved the perplexities involved in her branch of service and made clear the arrangements of the Board to meet financial difficulties.

All the Department reports told of most encouraging progress and sounded an optimistic note for the future. Of special interest was the fact that *Glad Tidings* subscriptions had increased, that the work of the Literature Department had doubled, and that there was a growing interest in young people's work. Mrs. J. Dickson, Treasurer, reported that $1,397.21 had been sent to Toronto during the year.

At the installation of officers, Mrs. W. L. Clay, First Vice-President, presided, and Rev. Mr. Lundie, of Sooke, offered prayer. Greetings from Presbytery were conveyed by Mr. T. Humphries, Clerk. Continuing and newly elected officers give promise of a successful year to come.

Changes in officers: Corr. Sec., Mrs. D. McCall; Mission Band Sec., Mrs. J. Kennedy; Treas., Mrs. Sanders; Supply Sec., Mrs. J. M. Cooper; Press Sec., Mrs. G. Lister.

The Provincial Meeting Report will appear in June.

MANITOBA

Mrs. W. F. Hogarth, 118 N. John St., Fort William, Ont., Press Sec.

BRANDON P.S.—Under the auspices of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, a special evening meeting was held March 1st, for the purpose of hearing Dr. Jessie MacBean. Invitations were sent to the Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial and also to the various Churches in the city. Mrs. J. A. Gray, President of the Auxiliary, was in the chair, and the devotional exercises were taken by Rev. W. J. Allen, of St. Andrew's Church, and Rev. D. H. McKay, of Forrest.

Greetings from the Church and Presbytery were brought by Rev. J. Forbes Wedderburn; from the Presbyterial by Mrs. A. Shewan; Girl Guides by Miss Isabelle Thompson; Mission Band by Miss Margaret Oliver. Solos were given by Mrs. Eric Hulatt and Miss Jessie Kirkland. There was a splendid gathering and all enjoyed very much the interesting talk given by Dr. MacBean.

A luncheon was given in honor of Dr. MacBean in the Y.W.C.A. on March 1st, by the Executive of the Presbyterial. On account of the cold weather and bad roads those from outside points were unable to attend.

The World Day of Prayer service was observed by the Lenore M.M.S. on March 3rd with a full attendance. The leader's part was taken by the President, Mrs. Lynd. C.G.I.T. and Trail Rangers also took part. Collection $3.20.

Wellwood Auxiliary has 35 members—31 active members and 4 Home Helpers. The meetings are held the first Thursday of each month and the roll call is answered with texts beginning with the initial of each month.

The Wellwood Mission Band has 75 members besides the Girls' Band. They meet the second Wednesday of each month. The girls from six to ten years of age are making an autograph quilt to be sent to the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' in India.

Superior P.S.—On the evening of March 29th, the Women's Missionary Society and the Young Women's Auxiliary had charge of the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the Presbyterian Church in Port Arthur. This took the form of a congregational meeting in the S. S. hall. Rev. J. A. McMahon was in charge and conducted the devotions. Interesting illustrated lectures were given by Rev. J. A. McMahon, on the Life of Paul, and by D. L. Cranston on the work at home and abroad.

The March meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. Mrs. Ballantyne, the President, conducted the meeting. The work for the year was discussed, and a very interesting letter read from Mrs. Daniel Strachan, General Treasurer. The W.M.S. are all anxious to co-operate to make the year 1933 a success.

The World Day of Prayer was observed in Port Arthur in the Baptist Church, and in Fort William in the Salvation Army Barracks and First Presbyterian Church. These meetings were well attended. The young people met for their service in Wesley United Church and over a hundred girls were present.

At the meeting of ''Willing Workers'' of West Fort William, Mrs. Ballantyne, Presbyterial President, gave the mission topic. This is an Associate Society. They will help with the supplies and the Special Campaign Fund.

The President of Fort Frances Auxiliary writes that, they are enjoying their missionary meetings more than ever and doing intensive study. They are taking up the ''Leaf of the Lotus'' as well as the regular Study Book. They like to take the life of one person or country and do it thoroughly.

Winnipeg P.S.—Kildonan W.M.S. held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. McBeth. Mrs. J. R. McDonald gave a very interesting report of the Presbyterial meeting held in Winnipeg. The study book for the year is ''Seven Seas of Service'' and all take a part in turn. The Society is not large but each one is active and trying to be faithful.

The Kildonan Mission Band, under the leadership of Mrs. Duffin and Mrs. McDonald, is progressing. The girls are taking great interest in the devotional and work meetings.

ONTARIO

MRS. D. MASON MCLENNAN, R. R. 1, LANCASTER, PRESS SECRETARY

BARRIE P.S.—Collingwood Auxiliary, the first Auxiliary organized in Barrie Presbytery, recently celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. The programme included a historic resumé by Mrs. K. N. Cooper, reminiscences by Mrs. J. R. Arthur, a daughter of the first President, and old songs by a quartette in costumes of bygone days. A portrait was unveiled of Miss B. MacMurchy, a member of the Church, who recently entered the mission field at Jobat, India. Mrs. Swallow brought greetings from the Presbyterial, Rev. Wm. McMillan from Presbytery.

Knox Church Auxiliary, Midland, held their annual Home Helpers meeting in the evening. Mrs. (Dr.) Smith, Toronto, who spent several years in India with her husband, a medical missionary, gave an instructive address. A social hour was enjoyed by Home Helpers and members.

The World Day of Prayer was observed by all Auxiliaries.

Chatham P.S.—Valetta Auxiliary has taken as a motto for the year, ''Go forward, and my presence shall go with thee.'' Knox (Leamington) started the year by presenting a Life Membership. Knox (Windsor) regrets the removal of Mrs. Cunliffe, an active member, to Amherstburg. Mrs. H. M. Paulin installed the new officers of Bartlett Circle, Windsor.

Guelph P.S.—At the March meeting of Executive, Miss P. Lamont, Field Secretary, was present, assisting in discussion. Miss Lamont is visiting Auxiliaries in this Presbyterial in April.

Hamilton P.S.—By request of the Hungarian women connected with our Mission, a Hungarian Auxiliary has been formed, with an enthusiastic membership. Mrs. Kovacs read and explained the rules of the W.M.S., after which Mrs. McLean, with Mrs. Kovacs interpreting, addressed those present and organized them into an Auxiliary.

Maitland P.S.—This Presbyterial has suffered a distinct loss in the death of their Honorary President, Mrs. F. B. Coombe, Kincardine, who had filled very capably many offices on the executive.

The Presbyterial has cause for gratitude in that there has been little retrenchment in givings during these times of stringency. An encouraging feature of the work is the increased interest of the young people and Mission Bands. Arrangements are under way to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary next year.

Stratford P.S.—The Executive, at their spring conference, held in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, accepted as their watchword for 1933, "It can be done." A splendid spirit of earnest enthusiasm and good fellowship prevailed. The itinerary of Miss Irene Stringer in this Presbyterial was arranged for April. After discussion of plans, all present pledged themselves to daily prayer at the twilight hour for God's blessing on the Provincial annual meeting.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

Provincial Board Meeting

COURAGE and optimism were keynotes of reports presented at the meeting of the Quebec Provincial Board, held in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal, March 28th. Mrs. I. C. Sharp presided. Miss L. A. Sinclair gave a summary of the achievements and standing of the various departments. The Treasurer announced receipts of $17,635. The Home Helpers report showed 196 new members and 1,800 visits made. The Secretary for Young Women's work reported increased desire for knowledge of mission fields and the need of leaders. Miss Mary Hill, Verdun, follows Miss Cowan as Girls' Work Secretary. Mission Band offerings are somewhat less but good work was being done among the children.

Supply allocations were fully met and much relief work was done by the Welcome and Welfare workers. Increase of usefulness and improvement in the material in the Library Department were reported. Many Auxiliaries have a missionary bookshelf to which all members have access. A link was supplied between the Board and students and nurses by the Student Secretary. The Exchange Department reported circulation of 15 papers. New papers on missionary subjects are required.

The afternoon session was devoted to reports from the workers at Tyndale House, Chinese Schools, Huntingdon Presbyterian Residence and those of the district Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. Price, of Sherbrooke, President of the Quebec Presbyterial, spoke of a happy and successful year's work, the best since 1925. A desire to increase in knowledge of the work has been most apparent. Mrs. Johnson, from Quebec, told of small groups in the surrounding districts doing wonderful work. Outgoing missionaries were remembered at the steamer with flowers and comforts for their voyage.

Mrs. Pae, President of Montreal Presbyterial, said among other things, that in thinking over the year, one was impressed by the fact that it has not been merely a matter of meetings, arrangements and general executive work, but a growing consciousness that ours is an opportunity of wondrous proportions, carrying, in consequence, a tremendous responsibility which we must recognize. We are dealing with matters of greatest import which are counting mightily in the economy of God. He had put in our weak, human hands the greatest of all tasks and has told us that His strength is sufficient, that if we ask, we shall receive wisdom, power, grace, courage and ability to carry it to completion.

Mrs. Dougherty presented the Special Campaign Fund scheme. Miss Pelton was the speaker of the afternoon and referred to our assets in the loyalty of our members and their executive ability. Possibilities of increase were too often thought of in reference to numbers and giving. Increase was needed in leadership, in talents and in service. She expressed the hope that with the help and enthusiasm of the younger women, the Auxiliaries on the south shore would soon be brought to realize what a splendid contribution they could make to the W.M.S. in this respect, in forming another Presbyterial.

Tribute to Mrs. Sharp

A feature of the day's proceedings was the presentation by the members of the Board to the retiring President, Mrs. I. C. Sharp, of a handsome lamp, accompanied by a resolution of appreciation for the many years of capable leadership given by her to the Society.

Mrs. Sharp succeeded the late Mrs. G. A. Grier to the presidency of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society in 1911. Three years later, when this organization amalgamated with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Women's Home Missionary Society (W.D.) Mrs. Sharp was elected President of the Quebec Provincial Board, which office she has held ever since. She was also Honorary President of the Council Executive.

While regretfully accepting Mrs. Sharp's resignation, the hope was entertained that the Board may still benefit by her experience and counsel.

Miss C. E. Cameron was unanimously elected to fill the office vacated by Mrs. Sharp.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THERE was a very representative attendance at the Provincial annual meeting, in First Presbyterian Church, Regina, March 21st and 22nd. Mrs. H. R. Horne presided at all sessions. Owing to the fact that no annual meeting had been held in 1932, the members were more than pleased to have the opportunity of gathering together to confer on matters of general missionary interest. An atmosphere of cheerful helpfulness, and mutual confidence pervaded all the sessions. Very little was said about the difficulties through which we have been passing. One very heartening feature of the reports was the work accomplished by the Young Women's Department which indicated an increase in membership of 50, and in givings of almost $100. over those of the previous year.

An exceptionally fine type of report was presented in a very capable manner, by the Secretaries of all departments, helpful discussion with constructive suggestion followed each report and it is expected that this gathering together for exchange of ideas will have a far reaching effect upon the progress of the work during the coming year.

Greetings from the Synod were read at the evening meeting, and greetings from our sister Societies in Alberta and British Columbia were read at the morning session.

A capacity audience filled the auditorium of the Church Tuesday evening when Dr. Jessie MacBean of Hackett Medical College, Canton, delighted every one present by the simple, unaffected yet most attractive way in which she told the story of the development of medical work in South China. Quite a number of Chinese boys listened with rapt attention to Dr. MacBean's message.

The members were delighted to meet Miss M. W. Cuddy, Miss Helen Ross and Miss L. Macarthur, who all took a part in the programme. Mrs. W. G. Brown also added much interest by her talk on the work of the W.M.S. in Formosa. After two days of intensive work the members present seemed loathe to leave and for a time lose the personal contact which contributed so much to the charm of the meeting.

Mrs. Horne entertained Dr. MacBean, Miss Helen Ross, Miss M. W. Cuddy, Miss L. Macarthur, the members of the new and last year's Board of Management at dinner at her home on Wednesday evening. A business meeting followed.

Kind looks, kind words, kind acts, and warm handshakes—these are the secondary means of grace when folks are in trouble and are fighting their unseen battles.

Treasurer's Statement

March 31st, 1933

RECEIPTS

A Friend, "For Chinese work in Toronto"	$ 40.00
Miss D. McDonald, "For work in Northern Ont."	5.00
Sunday School at Birtle Indian Residential School	25.00
Refund from South Porcupine	20.00
Refund on expenses of Special Campaign Fund	54.75
Pension received from worker	15.10
Government Grant for Birtle Indian Residential School	4,044.17
Payment on McCrea house, Vegreville, Alta.	44.71
Payment on W.M.S. house, Vegreville, Alta.	150.00
Legacy from the Estate of Miss Jessie Allen	150.00
Legacy from the Estate of Miss Margaret Landreth through Knox Church Auxiliary, Galt, Ont.	100.00
Exchange received on foreign drafts	160.35

PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:

Ontario	3,800.00
British Columbia	150.00
Quebec	950.00
	$9,709.08

DISBURSEMENTS

South Porcupine Hospital	$ 441.80
Canora Hospital	888.92
Vegreville Hospital	240.00
Chinese in Canada	701.07
"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	635.32
Birtle Indian Residential School	645.84
Government Grant paid Birtle Indian Residential School	4,044.17
Mistawasis Indian Day School	127.50
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	104.16
Prince Albert	79.16
New Liskeard	66.66
Saskatoon	164.16
Vegreville	420.83
Supplies	37.73
Relief Supplies	12.00
Lantern Slides	1.90
Candidates	3.50
Publications	637.65
Welcome and Welfare	1,547.01
Organization	222.66
Deputation	65.60
Pensions	91.66
Grant to Missionary and Deaconess Training Home	100.00
Grant to Knox College	100.00
Grant to School of Missions	125.00
Education of Chinese Candidate	10.00
South China	83.33
India, Bhil Field	4,746.98
Jhansi Field	3,487.25
Formosa	4,462.03
Administration	541.59
	$24,835.56

(MRS. DANIEL) HELEN M. STRACHAN,

Treasurer.

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Canada's Greatest Resources Are Her Children

Mission Band Broadcast

THIS IS STATION "GLAD TIDINGS" BRINGING TO YOU THE MISSION BAND BROADCAST. MRS. A. R. RIDDELL, MISSION BAND SECRETARY, IS ANNOUNCING FROM THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, IN TORONTO:

Dear Mission Banders:

ARE you all listening in? This is our very own number of the *Glad Tidings,* and most of the magazine is given to us. In our broadcast today we are to hear from Presbyterian Mission Bands in all parts of our country from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

What a lot of interesting Bands we have! Some are large, some are small, some are in the country, some are in cities, but all are different. In these Bands there are children whose parents are English, Scotch, Irish, Jewish, Chinese, Italian, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Indian, French, but they are all really Canadians now because they live in Canada.

Do you know why we have Mission Bands? No one of us is strong enough to do the King's work alone. Our King has commanded us to go to all parts of the world, and tell the story of Jesus. Little children can not do that alone, but if they join a Mission Band, and the Bands all work together, their gifts and prayers make one of the strongest pillars that supports a corner of our missionary work.

There are three things each individual Mission Band member is asked to do:

1. Love your neighbor, which means—doing kind things for, and being nice to everyone you meet, no matter who they are, or where they live.
2. Pray—just as waves of sound go out from the radio, will you let your prayer thoughts go all over the world asking God to help other children.
3. Serve, by gifts of money and work. Just think of it, a penny is not much, but ten pennies make a silver coin, and that is how

our missionaries are provided with the means of helping children here and in other lands.

Will the members and leaders remember these three things and talk about them in your meetings this year?

Announcer:

''We will now transfer you to the Maritimes to hear the message from the Eastern Division.''

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THIS IS MRS. R. B. CHRISTIE, MISSION BAND SECRETARY, SPEAKING FROM NORTH SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA:

HEARTY greetings from the Maritimes to the Mission Banders of the Western Division! This message goes to you from the land where our membership so largely comprises descendants of the immigrants who arrived on our shores from ''Bonnie Scotland'' during the latter part of the eighteenth and early in the nineteenth century, and who carried with them in a measure, full and overflowing, the faith, hope and reverence depicted so beautifully in ''The Cotter's Saturday Night.''

We are happy to number in our Mission Bands the children of people of many lands, who under the spreading ''maple tree'' have been extended the hand of fellowship and encouraged to enlist in the Master's service.

In our Division we have 118 Mission Bands with 2,176 zealous and energetic members, an increase since 1925 of 70 Bands and 1,390 members.

To us belongs the distinction of having the most easterly Mission Band in the whole Dominion—Louisburg—the ''Dunkirk of America,'' where the waves of the mighty Atlantic lap the shore at the foot of the old fortifications. From there we extend westward to New Carlisle, Quebec. The Maritime Provinces also had the honor of sending out the first foreign missionaries from any British Colony, Rev. John Geddie and his wife who went to the New Hebrides in 1848. ''When he landed there were no Christians, when he left there were no heathen.'' While we look back with gratitude and pride on our glorious tradition, we must ever keep in mind the necessity to inspire all connected with our missions to work for the glory of the great Master, Christ our King.

Announcer:

''Thank you, Mrs. Christie, for telling us about the Maritimes and the splendid work that has been done by the loyal children on the Atlantic coast.

We shall now transfer you to the Province of Quebec.''

THIS IS MISS A. A. THOM, PRESBYTERIAL MISSION BAND SECRETARY, SPEAKING FROM ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, QUEBEC CITY:

LONG, long ago when the French and English were fighting for the possession of Canada, there were two very brave soldiers in Quebec, Montcalm, who was French, and Wolfe, who was the English General. Now Wolfe had a great many soldiers under him and among them were some very fine men called the Fraser Highlanders. They were big and strong and brave, but they often thought of their homes in Scotland and of the Church there that they loved.

Every Sunday, and sometimes on other days too, the chaplain or minister would hold services and the men would all meet together to worship God just as they did at home. By and by, quite a long time after this, a lot of people sent a petition or letter to King George III of England, asking him to give them some ground in the city of Quebec, on which to build a Scotch Church. The King granted their request and gave them the land to belong forever to the Presbyterian Church.

How delighted the people were as they set to work to build God's House of big square stones, with high arched windows and a tall spire! When it was finished, the first service was held on St. Andrew's Day, November 30th, 1810, and for over a hundred years men and women, boys and girls, have worshipped in this Church.

Have the boys and girls a Mission Band? asks some one. If you will come with me to Kirk Hall on a Saturday afternoon this is what you will see. First, a class of twelve or more little girls sitting at tables piled high with work. Are they dressing dolls? No, they are making clothes for a real baby, night gowns and kimonos and dresses and jackets, and even a blue and white blanket.

Upstairs, we go to see the boys who are making cardboard toys and picture puzzles that will be almost as hard to put together as a jig-saw puzzle.

Then we must see the Beginner's class, and as we quietly open the door, we find some very tiny boys and girls sitting on little green chairs at low tables. They are carefully making scrap books. Wee Ruthie and Johnnie, who are only five years old, will show you that they can make their books just as nicely as the older boys and girls.

A bell rings! The work is put away, classes come together, the Junior officers take their places and Helen, the President, carries on the meeting. There are hymns, prayers and a Bible lesson, the Secretary reads the minutes and the Treasurer stands to take the collection. To-day, she holds the Pyramid, and as the boys and girls march up they drop in their pennies. A story is told, or sometimes there are magic lantern pictures, and so in our Mission Band, we learn something and help a little, to carry on the work of our Church.

Announcer:

"Thank you, Miss Thom, that was a lovely story you told us. We shall now transfer you to the Province of Ontario."

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THIS IS MRS. GEORGE J. VANSTONE, PROVINCIAL MISSION BAND SECRETARY, SPEAKING FROM TORONTO, ONTARIO:

ONTARIO sends greetings to all the other Mission Banders in our country. Our messages have come to us from old and new Ontario, and tell of an Italian Mission Band, Mission Band Gardens in a big city, and pioneer Bands in the Northland.

Italian Mission Band

This is the Italian Mission Band in Hamilton speaking. We are just about a year old. We only had 14 at the first meeting, now we have 33, and 7 have not missed a meeting. Both boys and girls belong. There are 5 boys from one family and they come regularly. We all take part in the programme. When the roll is called each one repeats a text. Eight of us have found the meetings so interesting that we go to the Mission Band meeting of St. David's Church as well. On Easter Monday, 24 of us walked 2 miles to attend the Mission Band Rally.—*Miss L. Henderson.*

Can We Interest You in Our "Mission Band Gardens"?

In Ontario, there are 368 of these gardens, with 8,656 flowers. The flowers are called "Mission Banders" and represent the girls and boys who believe in living up to their motto, "OTHERS". How happy they are! With their loving smiles and acts of kindness they are shedding light on the world while they continue to Pray for Missions—Work for Missions—Give to Missions. Most flowers sleep in the winter time, but these Mission Banders are so anxious to help others, who are not so fortunate as they are, that they just take a short rest during their summer holidays.

Let me tell you about a garden of Chinese flowers which grow in the Chinese Christian Institute on University Avenue, Toronto. There are 38 Mission Banders there and they call themselves "Live Wires," and they are the most beautiful flowers you can imagine. They are learning to pray and work and share their small mite to help "others".

In another garden there are two Mission Banders, bright, happy flowers, who have not missed a meeting in seven years. As a reward each was presented with a nicely framed Life Membership Certificate.

The Rural flowers have a harder time getting together, because they live so far apart. This is often overcome by meeting in the homes. The rural gardens grow steadily and their flowers strong because they use the study book ''Big Ships and Little People'' and are so eager to get information from *Glad Tidings* for compositions on our mission work.

At Evangel Hall, Toronto, is a garden of practically New Canadians —flowers from many different countries. This garden is in two parts, Junior and Senior. They are intensely interested and work, and pray for our missionaries.

A lovely event is the Fall Rally. Many come long distances to this missionary party. At one Rural Rally a little girl was presented with a Junior Membership Certificate because she started a sewing meeting among her little friends (like the Auxiliary one her mother went to) and it grew to be a lovely Mission Band garden, in a place where the women said it was impossible to have a Mission Band. This little girl says she is going to try and earn $5.00 a year until she has secured a Life Membership.

My time is up. Will you all remember how important it is to be a beautiful flower in your own Mission Band Garden?—*Mrs. E. F. Perry.*

New Liskeard

I am sure, children, you will want to hear of our Mission Bands up in the North Land, where the ice has just left the lakes and the wild geese are mating. When on the wing these birds fly in a V shape with the leader at the head, making lots of noise.

Now just where is New Liskeard? Well, it is a very pretty town 431 miles north of Toronto in Temiskaming district. How the boys and girls enjoy the winters, with all the out-door sports! The boys have trained their dogs to draw their sleighs. The dogs evidently enjoy the fun as well as the boys, for they bark gladly as they run.

We have two Mission Bands in the North, one at Englehart and the other at New Liskeard. Our Band meets the first Sunday of each month. after Sunday School. We have 35 on our roll. We have made a lot of scrap books and will send them in the bales.

In Northern Ontario, there are many boys and girls who live so far away they cannot go to school, so our Women's Missionary Society bought a home for them in New Liskeard and called it the Presbyterian School Residence, and we are very proud of it. The grounds are quite large and in the winter the boys had a skating rink in the garden. The water was not long in freezing with the thermometer 40° below zero. The boys and girls live here, except in holiday time, and they go to school as you all do and when they come home I help them with their home work and their games and tuck them into bed at night. On Sundays we all attend St. Andrew's Church morning and evening, and go to Sunday School.—*Miss M. Robertson.*

A Pioneer Mission Band

Twenty years ago a Mission Band was started in Englehart. They studied a book called ''The Black Bearded Barbarian,'' and how the boys loved it, and how thrilled they were when Mrs. Ferguson, a missionary from Formosa, came and told them about the savages, called Head Hunters. There are 28 members in the Girls' Band. Two years ago a Boys' Band was started with 22 members, and are they not proud of themselves and of the scrap books they make to send to the port workers? And the Church is proud of her young people, for it is only an augmented congregation in a very small place.—*Mrs. J. Paterson.*

Announcer:

''Thank you, Miss Henderson, Mrs. Perry, Miss Robertson and Mrs. Paterson for these thrilling stories about all the loyal Mission Banders.

We shall now transfer you to Manitoba, the 'Gateway of the West'.''

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THIS IS MRS. HARRY WHITE, PROVINCIAL MISSION BAND SECRETARY, SPEAKING FROM BIRTLE, MANITOBA:

Mission Bands That are Different

JACK and Betty were playing school when all at once Mother heard sounds that indicated a difference of opinion.

''Mother,'' called Betty, ''What's a Mission Band?''

After a moment's thought Mother said: ''I hear they have a Mission Band at the Presbyterian Church, would you like to go and see for yourselves just what it is?''

''Oh, yes, that would be fine!''

So, as soon as supper was over on Friday evening, away went Jack and Betty to their first Mission Band meeting, and what a time they had and how they did enjoy it! When they returned they both talked at once and as soon as they were in bed Mother sat down to think over what she had heard.

A Mission Band was evidently a gathering of children who met to learn of God's work in every land. They conducted their own meetings under the guidance of a Leader and learned much of the value of Bible reading and prayer.

Let us start out and take a peep at some of the Bands that are different. Miss Jenkinson has a Band at East Selkirk of which she writes: ''The children are so eager to do what they can to serve in their own way to spread the Gospel.'' Some time ago these dear little ones formed prayer circles where they met alone and conducted real prayer meetings. The meeting opens with prayer by one child, the

Scripture is read by another, then a third will start a chorus in which all will join. Often they choose a verse of Scripture and all discuss it and try to find out its real meaning. This is followed by sentence prayers and a closing hymn.

Now we shall fly to River Valley, near Virden. This is just a tiny Band and the children belong to Breadalbane Church, once an important centre of Presbyterianism. Twice a month school closes a little earlier on Friday and the teacher conducts a Mission Band meeting. A few weeks ago your Provincial Mission Band Secretary received a letter from each member saying how much they loved the meetings and how much they enjoyed reading *The Challenge* and *Young Canada.*

Lenore has a Band whose leader has to travel nearly five miles to conduct the meeting. There was danger of the Band having to close down, but rather than have this happen Miss Hazel Ellis, a former member and pianist kindly offered to carry on until June.

Breadalbane and River Valley children, outside Breadalbane Church, going home after a Mission Band meeting.

Next we visit Birtle. A little more than a year ago there was no Band here, then a new minister arrived and his wife saw the need and started the ''Rainbow'' Band for the town children and the ''Bright Star'' Band in the Indian Residential School. This season it was found impossible to hold the meetings after school, at 4.15, and an evening service was also out of the question, as many of the children lived too far away to be able to attend. Then the Leader decided to try a noon-hour Band and it worked like a charm. Large numbers of children come to school in the vans but never get in for Church or Sunday School, and Mission Band was something so fresh and delightful, that, from five, the numbers jumped to fifteen and twenty and now there are fifty names on the roll and the manse is taxed every Monday noon to accommodate the little crowd.

Will you think of this Band every Monday at noon and picture them eagerly listening to Bible and missionary stories?

The ''Bright Star'' Band at the Birtle Indian Residential School is carried on by the same Leader and the little girls look forward to the Bible and missionary stories. They love singing and sometimes a group of the smaller girls will sing a piece at the meeting, and last year when the Bands presented a programme in the town Church, two pieces were beautifully sung by the older Indian girls, and many in the audience thought these songs the best on the programme.

Announcer:

''Thank you, Mrs. White. We have enjoyed visiting the Bands in your lovely Prairie Province.

We shall now transfer you to the Province of Saskatchewan.''

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THIS IS MRS. H. A. McEWEN, PROVINCIAL MISSION BAND SECRETARY, SPEAKING FROM MELFORT, SASKATCHEWAN:

GIRLS and boys of our Mission Bands, if you will look at the map of Canada, you will see a province with the big long name of ''Saskatchewan.'' Our Women's Missionary Society has divided this into four Presbyterials, namely, Regina and Moose Jaw in the south, Saskatoon in the central district and Prince Albert in the north.

Do you think you could shut your eyes and imagine you are taking a trip through this large country with me?

First, we will visit our southern Mission Bands. We travel through miles of country, that a few years ago were splendid fields of grain and pasture land where we would have found large bands of horses and herds of cattle. Now we see bare fields of sand and pasture land where the grass is burned brown, and only a few horses and cattle pitifully thin through lack of food. We cannot help but picture how this has meant loss of homes and very great suffering in this country where we are so dependent on farm products.

Still our Church has carried on, our little people in their Mission Bands, as well as the girls and women in senior organizations. We visit thirteen Bands in these southern Presbyterials, who have contributed on an average of over eighty cents per member. Do you not admire their courage and their love for their Church?

Now we leave the south and travel up through our Saskatoon district. Though some parts here have had dry seasons, many other parts of this country have had average crops and how green the grass looks after our trip through the sand! We visit seven Mission Bands here, all are doing a splendid work for our hospitals and mission fields. Spending Sunday in Saskatoon, we enjoy hearing the Rev. W. G. Brown, our Moderator of 1931-32, preach in St. Andrew's Church. We also visit our Presbyterian Residence, where Miss Scott makes us so welcome. What a beautiful situation it has overlooking the river!

We are nearing the end of our journey. But how different this country is! We travel through roads that are heavily wooded on each side, then past large fields of grain, and again often following the winding Saskatchewan River for miles. We have only four Bands to visit as we have so few Presbyterian Churches left in this part of our province, but every year new fields are opening and we hope soon to have a Mission Band in every field. We make short calls until we arrive in Prince Albert, where our first Presbyterian Church was built. Here we visit the ''Lucy M. Baker'' Presbyterian Residence where we are made very welcome by Miss Macdonald, the Superintendent. We enjoy our visit here so much, hearing the thrilling story of Miss Lucy Baker's adventures and work among the Indians.

"Cameron" Mission Band, Melfort, which grew from 13 to 42 members.

On leaving Prince Albert we journey on to perhaps the most interesting Mission Band in our province, that of Mistawasis, our Indian Mission. Here we find Rev. William Moore and his mother doing a splendid work. Mr. Moore is teacher on week days and pastor every day, and how ably he is supported by his mother! How we do enjoy watching the little folks as dinner is served to them at the Mission, and listening to their Bible study hour immediately after dinner. Mrs. Moore presides at the Mission Band and all of the Women's organizations as well. We see these little Indian boys and girls at their studies and are surprised how attentively and eagerly they listen to the beautiful stories of Jesus.

We are sorry to say ''good-bye'', but leave with the desire to work harder in our Bands, so that this and many other ways of helping others may continue in our beloved Church.

Announcer:

''Thank you Mrs. McEwen. We have had a lovely time travelling with you across your great big province.

We shall now transfer you to the Province of Alberta.''

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THIS IS MRS. H. B. MAUNSELL, PROVINCIAL MISSION BAND SECRETARY, SPEAKING FROM RED DEER, ALBERTA:

Dear Boys and Girls:

IN our study book, ''Big Ships and Little People'' we travelled with Peter and Joan on the big ship ''Imagination'' through China, India, and several other foreign countries. Will you come with me on a similar trip through Alberta, so that you may become better acquainted with the members of our Mission Bands?

We now have 36 Mission Bands with a membership of 807, but time will not permit us to visit them all.

As we enter the south of the province, we visit Medicine Hat, Macleod and Lethbridge. Here we meet splendid leaders and lots of boys and girls who are very much interested in Mission Bands.

Going north from Macleod, we reach High River. Here we visit the Band that raised the largest amount of money in 1932, in proportion to its membership. As we are about to leave, the children point with pride to the foothills in the distance, showing us the only district in Canada that can boast of a Royal Residence—The E. P. Ranch—owned by the Prince of Wales, and his home when in Canada .

In July, we visit Calgary and watch the parade at the ''Stampede.'' Here we see several tribes of Indians gaily decked with war paint and feathers, and costumes most gorgeously beaded. We hear the Old Timers relating thrilling experiences of the early days, when Rev. James Robertson, D.D., and several other pioneer missionaries came to Calgary. At that time, the Indians believed, that after death they went to a Happy Hunting ground, and weapons were buried with them, and fresh provisions placed on their graves from time to time. The white people were always in terror of being attacked and scalped. As a result of the teachings of these early missionaries, we find the Indians living at peace with the white man, and a great many now worshipping the True God instead of Manito—the Great Spirit. The missionary zeal and spirit of these early ministers has proved a great heritage, and we find the boys and girls taking a very keen interest in all branches of mission work.

In Carstairs, we find Miss Chrystal, one of our former Band members, now proving an efficient leader. May her example be followed by many others.

When we visit the Bands recently organized in the Red Deer district by Miss Frieda Matthews, our Deaconess, we meet children of many different nationalities and religious beliefs. Through her efforts, they are gaining a true knowledge of the Love of Christ, and are anxious to have a real part in sharing it with others. Some, unable to give money, have put aside a setting of eggs. These will be hatched, the chickens sold and the proceeds given to their Bands.

We will visit the Bands in Edmonton during Easter week, so we can meet the 200 members of the 8 Mission Bands at their annual rally.

Some of the members of Strathcona "Goforth" Band, Edmonton.

Here we listen to a very interesting programme of songs and recitations arranged by Mrs. E. Gibbs, our Presbyterial Mission Band Secretary, and see pictures and hear stories of beautiful Australia.

While visiting the Westmount Mission Band, we have the honor of seeing the presentation of a Life Membership Certificate and pin to Mrs. Young, in recognition of her faithful and untiring efforts as their leader.

We find the members of the Rupert Street Band very busy making supplies and handwork. They have led the province the last few years with the amount of supplies, and in 1932 contributed more than one-third of the Provincial supplies.

We must hurry east again, so will be unable to have Dr. Margaret Strang tell us how delighted the little boys and girls are in the Peace River district, with the toys, literature, and supplies we contributed.

In Vegreville, we visit the ''David Livingstone'' Band—the only one connected with a School Residence. What is a School Residence you ask? In 1905 there was a foreign colony of 45,000, largely Ukrainians, near Vegreville. The W.M.S. built a Hospital, then five years later established a School Residence for the children of these newcomers. They realized, that besides giving them an opportunity to attend public school, good home influence and Christian training were necessary to make them worthwhile citizens. A Girls' School Home has since been opened. Mrs. Robertson is the Superintendent and Miss McKee the matron. The pupils are all members of the Mission Band, and through self-sacrifice have contributed largely to the Mission Band funds.

Sometime again we hope to visit Bassano, Banff and several other Bands.

Announcer:

''Thank you, Mrs. Maunsell. We shall often think of sunny Alberta with its mountains, foothills and plains, and of your Bands as varied as your province.

We shall now transfer you to British Columbia.''

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THIS IS MRS. R. V. PEASLAND, PROVINCIAL MISSION BAND SECRETARY, SPEAKING FROM VICTORIA, B.C.:

Dear Mission Banders:

I BRING you greetings from the Mission Bands in the province famous for great mountains, giant trees, lovely fruit and wonderful salmon. We have 51 Mission Bands and more than 920 members and all are working hard from Kootenay and Kamloops to Westminster and Victoria Presbyterials. Westminster has 34 Bands and they have just held a wonderful rally at St. Paul's Church, Vancouver. There were 177 boys and girls and 67 grown ups there and what a happy afternoon they had! There were all sorts of lovely songs and choruses and a pageant by the Livingstone Band. Then came two presentations. The first was a lovely banner and it was won by Fairview Band and Robertson Band as both had equal honors, so it goes to each one for 6 months. Was not that wonderful? Then the leaders gave a present to Mrs. Angus MacKenzie, who was Mission Band Secretary for 7 years.

Now ''listen in'' to Victoria Presbyterial. A Mission Band in every Church, is not that something to be proud of? Also 2 Mission Bands in Port Alberni, 126 miles from Victoria, away up among the great forest trees, Bands in Duncan, Nanaimo, Sooke, and down to Victoria where there are 2 Bands, one being at the Chinese Mission. I wish you could hear how sweetly the Chinese children sing and see their little smiling faces. I told them to keep on smiling for hearts have been won for Jesus that way, then I repeated this verse to them:

''Smile awhile and while you smile
Another smiles
And soon there are miles and miles of smiles
And life is worth while, because
You smile.''

Living as I do beside the blue Pacific Ocean, I often think of Ogden Point Docks, where the great ocean steamers start on their trip to China and sometimes on board these big ships are some of our missionaries going out to tell little children in China and Japan and Korea of Jesus and His love. Let us all work hard this year and show that the light in our hearts is shining brightly. And let us ask God to teach us all how to give and work, for little hands can do so much when they are willing. One boy in Murrayville donated a doll's cradle, mattress, pillows, sheets and quilt, all made by himself.

Here is a new idea. When you hear of a new baby in a home ask the mother to allow the baby to be enrolled as a member of the Mission Band or as a Home Helper. Think of belonging to a Society from the time you were a baby!

Announcer:

''Thank you very much Mrs. Peasland. You made us want to hear more about the Bands near the Pacific Ocean.''

Last Christmas you remember we heard messages over the radio from every country in the British Empire, and the announcer said:

''Stand by for the King!''

Then King George spoke to his people, men and women, boys and girls, and how everyone listened!

To-day, we have had messages from the Mission Bands in every Province in the Dominion of Canada. And now:

Stand by, Boys and Girls, for the King!

And, as we listen, we hear King Jesus say to us:

''Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.

''But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me: for of such is the Kingdom of heaven.

''And he laid his hands on them.

''Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

''For I was an hungered and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty and ye

gave me drink: I was a stranger and ye took me in: Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came unto me.

''And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

''And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.

''Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'' Amen.

Announcer:

''This concludes our Mission Band Broadcast.''

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Loyal Mission Banders

Sing to Hymn tune No. 805

We would all be friendly,
We would all be true,
Jesus' little helpers,
In the work we do.

Other little children
Living far away,
Know not what His love means,
Know not how to pray.

We would all be kindly,
Helpful, thankful too,
Loyal Mission-banders,
For our Church so true.—L. B.

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A Diamond Jubilee Mission Band

TO Mrs. G. W. Mackay, of Tamsui, has fallen the honor of forming the first Mission Band in North Formosa. It is called the ''Donald MacKenzie'' Band and has about 60 boys and girls from three to six years of age, and they come from both Christian and non-Christian homes. They meet every Sunday morning when the older people are in Church.

They memorize Bible verses, pray and learn to give. During part of last year they memorized the Gospel of Mark, each child learning his or her portion. The tiny tots took the first three and last six verses of the Gospel, repeating them in unison each week. The eight children from the Ami tribes gave the great Commission ''Go ye into all the world. . . .'' Their prayers are said in unison and are taken from the Psalms or Gospels and always include that lovely verse, ''Prepare ye the way of the Lord'' (Mark 3: 1). This year they are studying the Book of Acts—the first great missionary text book.

The children are encouraged to work for the money they give for the preaching of the Gospel. The plan they follow is: Every verse correctly recited gives the boy or girl the privilege of offering one sen. There is great competition between the boys and girls both as to the number of verses recited and the number who recite. Last year the number of verses recorded was 3,300.

To honor the visit of the Moderator and to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee a special certificate was issued for repeating 60 selected Bible verses. This was open to young Canadians also, and over 40 Mission Band members will receive these certificates.

Latest News Flashes

EASTER RALLY

RAIN falling in torrents outside failed to dampen the enthusiasm which prevailed inside the hall of MacVicar Memorial Church, Montreal, on the occasion of the Annual Mission Band Rally held on Easter Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Montreal Presbyterial. The audience was a capacity one, 17 Bands out of a total of 26 were represented, many parents and interested friends also being present.

Mrs. W. J. Muir, Mission Band Secretary, presided and Mrs. J. G. Potter extended a welcome. Following the singing of the hymn ''Missionary Bells'', devotional exercises were conducted by members of the Band of First Presbyterian Church. An interesting programme of choruses, dialogues, songs and pageants, effectively carried out in costume and all bearing upon missionary work at home and abroad, was splendidly presented by members of the various Bands. The city banner was awarded to the MacVicar Memorial and Kydd Memorial Bands, the former to hold it for the first six months, and the latter for the second six months of the year. The out of town banner went to the Beauharnois Band for the first half of the year, after which it will be handed to the Athelstan Band for the ensuing six months. Many Bands, both out of town and city, received honorable mention. Mrs. Muir exhibited a beautiful patch work quilt made by the ''Muir Band'' of Ormstown, and reported the formation of a new Band in Outremont and a junior group in Lachine.

Miss C. E. Cameron, President of Quebec Provincial Society, gave a brief address and the vote of thanks was tendered by a youthful member of the Lachine Band. Master W. Mulligan offered the dedicatory prayer, and following the singing of a hymn, simple refreshments were served to the children.—*Quebec.*

We have an increase in Mission Bands, and that is good news, but there are still some congregations who have not yet begun this training of recruits. The only legitimate excuse for this is,—no children. If a farmer were to lose 50 per cent. or more of the lambs of his flock he would be considered a failure. Since we lose more than 60 per cent. of the youth of our congregations to the missionary work of our church when they pass adolescence, what have we to say of our training?—*Ontario.*

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''Come to our Rally'' was the message sent to the Mission Band Leaders of Ingersoll. On a bright day in April we went to the place of meeting and found the Mission Band boys busy arranging the chairs in a semi-circle around a platform, prettily decorated with ferns, and the photograph of one of our missionaries in full view. Soon the chairs were filled with happy-faced boys and girls and their Leaders—all anxious to make the Rally a success. Six Bands took part and 150 members were present. How we all loved the three little six year old girls (triplets) who led in the singing of the hymn ''Jesus Bids Us Shine.'' One of the Bands has saved nearly enough Queen's heads coppers for a Junior Membership. At the close the Auxiliary served cocoa and sandwiches to the children.

Have You a Mission Band?

Mrs. A. R. Riddell

THE reports for 1932 are all in and from them we find that we have 738 Auxiliaries and only 537 Mission Bands. This is very disappointing, for the first work of every Auxiliary is to interest every woman and child in the congregation in missions. Council leaves the promotion of this work in the hands of each individual Auxiliary.

It is a pity that some of our children should miss the teaching and training of the Mission Band. One of the most promising features of the overseas field is the fact that the children are forming Mission Bands and eagerly studying the work of the Kingdom. It holds a reality for them which many of our own children are missing. Unless our Auxiliary members will promote this part of the work of the Churches in our homes, and in our Churches, many of our children will grow up without any knowledge of the great missionary enterprise. If children are not trained when they are young we can only expect a few to be interested when they are older.

I know there are many difficulties in Mission Band work, but they are not insurmountable. Where there is a will there is usually a way. The question of a suitable leader is very often the first obstacle. The success of the Band depends so greatly on the leader that she should be very carefully chosen. When approaching a possible leader, if one or two helps on leadership training are put into her hand she is in a better position to judge whether or not she can undertake the work. Your Secretary is endeavoring to give the leaders all the help she possibly can through the Publications Department. There is always a suitable study book, pageants and other leadership helps. These are mentioned* each month in the *Glad Tidings* and a list will be sent on enquiry.

The recruiting ground for Mission Bands is the Sunday School, therefore interest your minister, Sunday School Superintendent and teachers in our work. If you have not a Mission Band, or if you need new members, ask that a set of lantern slides† be shown some Sunday afternoon. Three new sets have been prepared specially for children. Get the best speaker you can and ask her to tell about the work in Mission Bands. Children will respond if their interest is aroused.

Another difficulty is often the time of the meeting. In this case it is usually best to consult with the mothers of the children. This may also interest the mothers in the work of the Auxiliary. If it is impossible for children to come regularly, give them a mite-box and try to have a special meeting twice a year, that they can attend.

When you have formed your Band, or if you already have one, do not lose touch with it. Mission Bands are a great inspiration to Auxiliaries and it is very difficult for Bands to carry on without help from the Auxiliary. If you have not a Mission Band in your Church will you not form one? We should have a Mission Band for every Auxiliary.

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* See page 231 of this issue.

† For lantern slides, apply to your Provincial Secretary. See Annual Report for addresses.

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FORGET-ME-NOT

WHEN to the flowers beautiful
The Father gave a name,
Back came a little blue-eyed one
(All timidly it came),
And standing at the Father's feet,
And gazing in His face,
It said in low and trembling tones
With sweet and gentle grace,
''Dear God, the name Thou gavest me,
Alas, I have forgot.''
Then kindly looked the Father down
And said, ''Forget-me-not.''

—*Author unknown.*

Where the Mission Band Pennies Go

CHILDREN love to help children, that is why the Mission Banders are so keen to give their pennies to help to support the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home'' in Amkhut, India, and the nurse, Miss Soutar. This Home was dedicated and opened on January 7th, 1932.

The first patients to be admitted had malaria. Then one after another the boys and girls in the Boarding Schools at Amkhut took measles, until every space was filled up and three had to sleep in one bed, the overflow being sent to a small room beside the dispensary. Later, they had some grown-ups and several small babies. The first year they nursed 165 sick people there and nearly all got well.

Miss Soutar administering castor oil.

At present, they have six adorable little children in the Home, from one year to six. Stephen made the loveliest teeter-totter for them and they have the greatest time playing together under the lime trees. When they get hungry they follow Jummi Bai round to find out about their food. When they see Miss Soutar getting something ready to eat they all sit down in a row on the verandah and wait patiently for it.

TIME

''I HAVE only just a minute,
Only sixty seconds in it.
Forced upon me, can't refuse it.
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it.
But it's up to me to use it.
Just a tiny little minute
But eternity is in it.''

Our Overseas Missions

India

IN 1932, in spite of adverse conditions, we were able to send out 4 new missionaries (three nurses and a medical woman) to strengthen our staff of workers. Dr. Elizabeth Hope Thurrott, formerly of the Women's Union Hospital in Jhansi, and Miss Eleanor McKechnie, to Jhansi, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy and Miss Iris Errey to the Bhil field.

Dr. Thurrott, having the language and knowing the district is doing evangelistic and medical work in the villages. Miss Simpson in her little hospital dispensary looked after 127 sick people and treated 7,300 out-patients. She has also started public health work which is so necessary. In addition, she supervises the orphanage where there are 11 small people under seven. Grace-bai is a real mother to all and is assisted by two of the older girls.

Jhansi orphanage boys under 7 years,
Gracebai standing near.

Attendance in the "Helen Macdonald" Memorial School increased to 135 girls and 24 boys. Taking boys is a new venture arising out of the difficulty in getting male teachers for beginners. Miss Moodie agreed to try them in the 1st and 2nd classes only, and the plan has proved acceptable. There was a staff of 9 qualified teachers. A real objective for the future is to have high school facilities of our own so that the advanced pupils will not have to be sent away. Three graduates have gone to Katui for further training. Five senior girls were received into the membership of the Church. The aim of the School is to develop the girls into the type of Christian young women so much needed in India.

The Jhansi W.M.S. has 26 members, collections amounted to 98 rupees ($32.65). A Bible woman was supported for six months also one of the orphans was their charge.

Of Misses Stringer and Whatling, home on their first furlough, one can only hope that they are benefitting in proportion to the amount of interest and inspiration they are arousing in their invaluable deputation work.

Increasing numbers have been admitted to Jobat Hospital. It means breaking down of prejudice and superstition to have maternity cases come to the Hospital. In 1931 there was only one, a Hindu baby born there, in 1932 there were 9 babies, Hindu and Mohammedan. Miss McConnell never neglects her classes and prayer meetings for the women patients in which the two nurses assist her.

Miss Douglas finds her kindergarten and evangelistic work encouraging.

Miss Maxwell returned from furlough in September and at once resumed her Bible study classes among her beloved Bhil people, at Sardi and Amkhut.

Miss Soutar has had 165 patients in the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home,'' at Amkhut, also a family of 9 orphans and infants. The improved health of the school children has justified its existence many times. Elizabeth-bai is a capable assistant nurse and Jumni-bai was added to help with the wee babies. Thus the ''Home'' side of the building is being developed also. During Dr. Panhalkar's illness Miss Soutar took charge of the dispensary which meant 60 to 70 out-patients each day.

February was saddened by Miss Robson's illness and departure. The Bhils, especially her ''old'' boys and girls, showed their devotion and gratitude by coming long distances, often on foot, to say ''good-bye to the beloved Miss Sahib,'' and their prayers for her recovery have followed her.

Miss Williamson reports that 18 graduates of Amkhut School have gone to Khandwa, Jubbelpore and Ajmer for Bible School, High School, Teachers and Nurses Training. Six boys and 3 girls joined the Church on profession of faith.

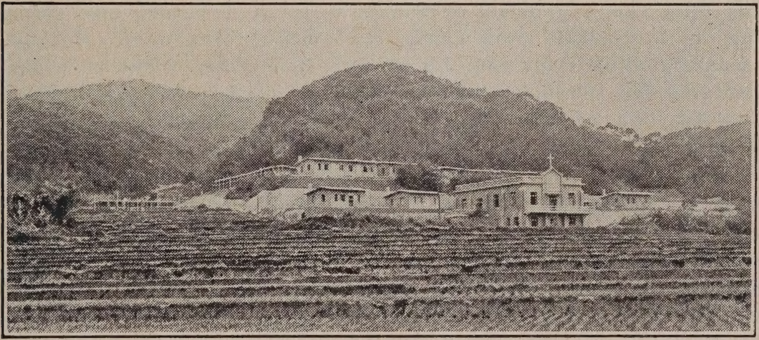
The Bhil people and her many friends in India and Canada will be glad to know that Miss Robson's health is improved and that her interest in, and love for the work is as keen as ever. The India Secretary is greatly helped from time to time by her kindly advice and counsel.

Formosa

ON April 6th to 9th, 1932, there was celebrated in North Formosa, a unique event in the history of the Presbyterian Church in Canada —the Diamond Jubilee of the establishment of her first mission in the Orient, by Dr. G. L. Mackay. The story of his faith, fortitude and success ranks high in the annals of all missionary endeavor, yet no chronicle can record the self-sacrifice and service through which Dr. Mackay and other consecrated missionaries during these sixty years have brought the knowledge of the Gospel to the Formosans.

In place of the unbroken heathendom of sixty years ago, there is now a Christian community of about 8,000, with 55 Churches representing 72 preaching appointments, Sunday Schools, ''Mackay Memorial Hospital,'' at Taihoku, Happy Mount Leprosy Colony midway between Tamsui and Taihoku, and, at Tamsui, a Girls' High School, Women's School, Boys' High School, Theological College, kindergartens, a large and progressive Women's Missionary Society, and innumerable other evidences of the influence of Christianity on the lives of the Formosans.

Three new missionaries were added to the staff—Miss Hildur Hermanson, R.N., Buchanan, Sask.; Miss Mary MacVey, Fredericton, N.B.; and Miss Phyllis Argall, M.A., Kobe, Japan. Miss Ada Adams, kindergarten supervisor, returned to Canada on furlough last August.



Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, Formosa, Japan.
The Chapel in the foreground.

Emphasis is placed on evangelism in every department of missionary endeavor. Summer Vacation Bible Schools numbered 17, with 417 enrolled. A Bible memorization course for young and old is also conducted. Seven Bible women have given faithful service, 2 at ''Mackay'' Hospital, 1 visits the homes of kindergarten pupils, 3 visit and teach women in outlying districts, and 1 has spent a year among the people of the East Coast. Miss Ramsay has visited and conducted Bible classes in many and distant districts. Mrs. Koa continues visiting and teaching in heathen homes and distributing Christian literature. Miss Senior and Miss Burdick spent three weeks among the Christians and new hearers on the East Coastal plain. That district had been almost inaccessible, but, recently, an automobile road was built, which makes the district easier of access. A class for women was held in one Church for a week, Miss Senior teaching ''Care and Feeding of a Family,'' and Miss Burdick conducting classes in Bible study. Definite results of this evangelistic work are seen in new women members in the Churches, new pupils in Women's School, Girls' High School and kindergartens.

Increasing attention is being given by Government authorities to social service work. In May and November special sessions were held in the out-patient department of the ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital and patients given free examination and treatment.

The women's out-patient department continues to render efficient service, 448 women have attended 1,258 times. In the maternity department there were 56 cases. Misses Senior and Chisholm have given full time and efficient duty, Mrs. Gushue-Taylor part time, more especially in the out-patient and leprosy clinics. Miss Hermanson although at language study has given several weeks hospital duty. There are 23 Formosan nurses, 4 graduates and 19 pupil nurses. Mrs. Iap, a patient, and Miss Tan, a graduate of Tamsui Girls' High School, give much time to evangelistic work among the women. Mrs. G. W. Mackay conducts a Bible study class for nurses. Miss Senior, whose unfailing sympathy and splendid service as nurse in ''Mackay Memorial'' Hospital has been of outstanding value, resigned to accept a position in Hong Kong Hospital.

The Girls' School, under the wise guidance of Miss Douglas, Principal, has had a successful year. There were 92 girls enrolled, 82 in high school, 10 in the preparatory department. Fourteen graduated. Miss Argall and Miss MacVey are welcomed to the staff. Miss Taylor while studying the language, has charge of music in the schools of our mission. A Japanese girl with university standing has been added to the teaching staff. Every member of the staff is a baptized Christian. The academic course conforms to government regulations but Bible study is an important part of the curriculum. Besides Church services, there is Sunday School, prayer meeting, and a Christian Endeavor conducted by the pupils. Four girls united with the Church.

A Formosa report begins, ''1932 has been a joyous year in the work connected with the Women's School.'' This statement is proof of the excellent principalship of Miss Burdick. Thirty-eight women were enrolled. Most of them have never been at school before. Some come from heathen homes. Regular study classes and worship services are held with Christian women leading in worship. They also assist in Tamsui Sunday School and some do evangelistic work in heathen homes. Four women became members of the Church, one has become a Bible woman, 2 have entered the hospital as nurses. Five aboriginal women are studying at the school.

About 300 children are enrolled in kindergarten classes, one new kindergarten has been opened. The kindergarten is becoming an important factor in evangelism.

The Women's Missionary Society has increased in numbers. Through its members and Bible Women the Gospel is reaching many homes. The World Day of Prayer is fittingly observed.

Japan

THE missionaries are still contending with extreme poverty among Koreans, with deplorable sanitary conditions and with many poor places of worship, but there is evidence of the blessing of God upon the work. The perseverance of the workers in prayer and their faith in the power of the gospel to save are evidenced by growth in Church membership and renewed interest in Church life. Eight hundred and twenty-eight baptized Christians are reported and over 2,400 adherents. Four new churches were built, making a total of 9, owned and maintained by the worshippers. In all, there are 44 meeting places for worship. The readiness with which the Korean Christians undertake the responsibility of Church buildings is cause for encouragement.

In Osaka, the city with slums, where many of the Koreans live, 10 groups of Christians increased to 12, and 2 Churches were enlarged, one congregation having an attendance of over 100. The Women's Missionary Societies have also increased their membership. Kindergartens have grown in number, and are fully appreciated by the parents.

Miss MacLean, who has charge of work among women and children, is inculcating in the hearts of Korean women the same ideal which actuates the members of the W.M.S. here. The members of these Societies support Bible women with their offerings, and try to live a Christ-like life in their homes and among their friends. There are 19 Women's Missionary Societies with 412 members. Miss MacLean has outlined for their meetings a programme of Bible topics and subjects for prayer. For the first time the World Day of Prayer was observed by the Korean women in Japan.

The kindergarten method of teaching small children is now established. Two new schools were started, making 6 schools with 177 pupils. The mere telling of the good work of these kindergartens gives only a dim idea of the benefits derived by the children. After three years at kindergarten, pupils go to Japanese public schools.

Miss Anderson is giving much time to evangelistic work. She is stationed in the city of Nagoya with Miss MacDonald of the W.M.S. (E.D.). Here there are groups of Christians in 7 districts. Miss Anderson often conducts Church services, Sunday Schools and prayer meetings.

Of the good works of Mrs. Young we know little but gather from letters that the door of her home is ever open to all who come, and that they go away encouraged and comforted.

Perhaps the outstanding event was the visit of the Moderator, the Very Reverend W. G. Brown and Mrs. Brown. Their visit was a real blessing to both missionaries and Koreans.

The house being built in Kobe by the W.M.S. as a home for our two missionaries, Misses MacLean and Anderson, is nearing completion.

There is still the pressing need of a medical unit for Osaka composed of a doctor, a nurse and dispensary.

South China

DOCTOR JESSIE MacBEAN acted as Superintendent of Hackett Medical College, Canton, during the year of Dr. Hoffman's furlough. She had a brief vacation after her return to Canada, last July, and has since visited all our Provincials with her heartening messages of the extending influence of the Medical College and the continued blessing of God on the work.

No grant of money gives us greater joy than that which goes annually to the Church of Christ in China. We have lost Mrs. Burkwall as our missionary, but we still feel she is ''our Miss Reid'' giving much of her time to the Shek Lung work, keeping her home open to the workers from there, writing us the same splendid letters telling of the progress of the work.

Her report states that: The Mission Schools which are now registered and under Government regulations, have established, in many instances, nearby ''religious centres'' for Bible teaching, more Bible schools for the training of Christian workers are opening up, temples are fewer, but carelessness in religion marks the general attitude of the people.

The annual Pooi Ling Conference, carried on by Chinese leaders themselves, was greatly blessed. Young men and women with their Bibles, crowded the Churches for the deep and spiritual teaching.

In the Shek Lung field, particularly, the work has progressed, Rev. Calvin Lee taking the oversight with three young Chinese women associates—well trained intellectually and spiritually. A number of students conducted Vacation Bible classes, and, under Mr. Lee's direction, two preaching bands did effective work.

Mrs. Burkwall attended Synod meetings, helped in the annual Conference for Women Workers, attended the business and executive committee meetings as well as the Presbytery, and has kept in touch with a number of the Chinese women and girls whom she knew in Canada and who have returned to Canton.

Shanghai

ANOTHER point of contact with China is the Christian Literature Society towards whose support we are privileged to send a small annual grant. Mrs. Donald MacGillivray continues her splendid work for this Society. She writes that later they will ask for the support of a Christian Chinese girl in their department.

Manchuria, China

SEVEN years ago we as a Church were invited to enter Manchuria, and the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Goforth and Rev. Allan Reoch entered. Miss Kok and Miss Graham, our W.M.S. missionaries, followed, both ladies doing valiant work in Szepingkai, Tungliao and other districts. When, after four years, for personal reasons, both severed their connection with us, Miss Crockett had returned to China and was already at Szepingkai, and continued alone as our missionary in that great city. Last August, as Miss Errey, a nurse evangelist, was about to sail to join her, to our great regret Miss Crockett's resignation reached us. This meant it was impossible to send a young inexperienced missionary alone to Manchuria, and we were advised not to send further missionaries, at present, to that war-torn country.

Miss Crockett bound the hearts of her women to her by her kindness and teaching as evidenced by their grief at parting from her. She also gained the respect of the pastors and Christians. We shall not soon forget Miss Crockett's work for our Church and our Society years ago in South China and later in Manchuria.

Mrs. Davis has written that she has never seen such quick response to the gospel message as in Taonan. Mrs. Reoch writes that while conditions make it unsafe for them to go into the country they have concentrated on Bible study and intensive preaching. We have offered to support Bible women during this year should Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Reoch so desire.

British Guiana

AT present we have no worker in British Guiana. Miss Cropper, half-time evangelistic worker in Demerara, whose health had not been good for some time, was retired at the end of last year. At the same time Miss Green, Principal of the Berbice Girls' High School, resigned after fourteen months' service. She reports an increased number of pupils and examination results encouraging. Five out of the 9 who entered for the Cambridge Examinations passed, one gaining an honor certificate with distinction in English.

A number of applications for Principal were received, but no appointment was made, as the Board of Missions had not decided its policy as to the nature of the work to be carried on in British Guiana.

We being anxious that the School should not be closed, Miss Glasgow was placed in charge.

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The Challenge of Heroism

DR. JONATHAN GOFORTH has gone totally blind. Does he lay down his task with resignation? No! He decides to carry on in Manchuria. The giants of war, bandits and depression failed to overcome him. Now he still refuses to be vanquished; not even blindness at seventy-five can make him cease from his labors of taking the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

These are not "glad tidings," but they are tidings which throw down a challenge to the whole Presbyterian Church. Are we fulfilling the Great Commission in the spirit of Dr. Goforth,—counting nothing too great a sacrifice?

Mrs. Goforth writes her daughter as follows: "We have faced many hard problems and trials together, but what we are now facing is perhaps the hardest. The retina has fallen or become dislodged from Father's right eye. He feels however, that he can still do good work, even though totally blind, as that need not affect his preaching. The Chinese are in a state of panic almost lest Father be recalled home. They say they will do anything to keep him here, and that he can still oversee and direct the evangelists even without sight. Father is so brave about what he is facing, it makes me feel all broken up to see him taking this so quietly, and with such confidence in God that it is for the best."

Oh women of our W.M.S.! we have been growing somewhat faint hearted and weary in these hard days. Let us now take up this challenge of a missionary hero, and resolve this year to advance the missionary enterprise in face of all difficulties—even deep depression—counting it our glorious privilege to follow in the path of the Cross.

"They climbed the steep ascent of heaven,
Through peril, toil and pain:
O God, to us may grace be given
To follow in their train."

—M.G.M.

Prayer for Missions

This prayer was composed by Rev. A. G. Cameron, of Deseronto, Ont. He asked that it be used by the Auxiliaries throughout Kingston Presbyterial, also that it be sent to the Council for their approval.

ALMIGHTY God, our Father in Heaven, who hast made of one blood, all nations to dwell upon the face of the earth, and didst send Thy Son, our Saviour, into the world that all men through Him might have everlasting life, we bless Thee for the light of His gospel. May it lighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and guide us all into the way of peace. We praise Thee for all those whom Thou hast called to be co-workers with Thyself in the Kingdom of Thy dear Son. Especially do we thank Thee for that great company of devoted and saintly women, who from the beginning have followed their Lord in faithfulness, served Him in sacrifice and loved Him even unto death. Grant Thy blessing to rest upon the endeavors of the Women's Missionary Society of our Church; may the beauty of the Lord be ever upon us and Thy Spirit teach us how best to extend the interests of Thy great Kingdom of Love upon earth. Bless, we pray Thee all missionaries; guard them from danger, cheer them with the thought of Thy continual presence, and give them visible success in their labors. Hasten, Lord, that promised day, when at the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord.

TO THE GLORY OF THY MOST HOLY NAME. *Amen.*

Special Campaign Fund

RECEIPTS UP TO END OF MARCH, 1933

	1st Quarter Dec. 31, 1932	2nd Quarter March 31, 1933	Total
Alberta	$ 59.07	$ 138.74	$ 197.81
British Columbia	98.88	178.74	277.62
Manitoba	66.87	120.69	187.56
Ontario	1,795.33	2,773.24	4,568.57
Quebec	....	149.13	149.13
Saskatchewan	62.57	80.40	142.97
Special	5.00	35.00	40.00
Interest	.03		.03
	$2,087.75	$3,475.94	$5,563.69

IN order to raise the $25,000 in two years we require to receive $3,125 every quarter. It will be seen that the second quarter exceeded this, while the first quarter fell far short. In explanation of this it may be said that the first quarter was not a full one as in many places the boxes were not distributed till October and in some cases November, while Quebec did not begin on the campaign till January 1st, 1933. If we can maintain the Campaign at about the amount received in the second quarter the $25,000 will be raised easily and all expenses readily paid, for the boxes, of course, were expensive to issue in such quantity but are now available for the two years. The Committee has decided that for the present no more Fact Sheets will be issued.

Of the many encouragements received by the Committee perhaps the one that cheered them most was the receipt of a postal order for $2.85 sent by our Auxiliary of Indian women on the Okanese Reserve. ''These Indian women are very poor,'' wrote the wife of the missionary, ''but out of their poverty they send this gift because of their love for their Church.'' Every province writes most encouragingly of the progress of the Campaign and the interest taken in it. Of this I am certain that the amount already raised as well as the amounts that will be raised should be a lesson to us all in the conservation of the pennies. Sincere and grateful thanks to all for their support.

Helen M. Strachan,
Convener.

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Editorial Notes

A Gifted Officer Passes

LIFE moves so quickly that we of to-day hardly know the leaders of yesterday. And yet what service they gave and what foundations they laid! One of those of whom we would speak was the late Mrs. D. B. Gardner. ''She was my first Sabbath School teacher,'' said one of the outstanding women in our W.M.S. and in public life to-day. ''She was a tremendous lover of her Church, and she gave her gifts and powers without reservation to its service, and her loyalty to it never wavered.'' Her gift of leadership was early recognized and she was made President of the Bank St. Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, Ottawa, and in 1901 was chosen President of the Ottawa Presbyterial, a post she occupied for five years. On her removal to Toronto, in 1908, she became a member of the W.F.M.S. Board and, in 1914, was chosen one of the members of the Board of the Amalgamated Society. Failing health prevented Mrs. Gardner from taking an active part in the work of the Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, but as long as she was able she maintained her interest in it. Mrs. Gardner had great talent as an illustrator and, to this day, many speak of the missionary tree which she designed and the pageants and exercises and leaflets she wrote to interest the young people. For many years before the end Mrs. Gardner was an invalid and when, at last, she ''slipped her moorings and sailed away,'' she was not a lonely voyager for the One she had served so long was her Pilot.

An Honored Missionary Dies

A MISSIONARY of our Church, who had an honored career, has passed to her reward in the person of Miss Marjorie MacIlwaine, a worker for many years among the Indians on the reserves of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, and Superintendent, for a time, of the Presbyterian Residence at New Liskeard, Ontario, and, at the time of her death, Literature Secretary for British Columbia Provincial Society. Beloved in life by her many friends Miss MacIlwaine was honored in death. At the funeral service, held in Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, and attended by some five hundred people, a tribute to her life and influence sent by Rev. W. G. Brown, former Moderator of the General Assembly, was read, and Rev. R. G. MacBeth, D.D., spoke of the courage of women like Miss Lucy Baker and Miss MacIlwaine, who entered the field across the Saskatchewan River from Prince Albert among the war-like Sioux Indians, who had crossed the line fresh from conflicts on the warpath. The influence of such missionaries for peace and order was, he said, remarkable. The stories of these stirring days, as told by Miss MacIlwaine, have enriched our literature on Indian work.

Hungarian Church Dedicated

THE efforts of an untiring minister, self-sacrificing congregation and many friends bore fruit on Monday, April 17th, when the new Hungarian Church, in Hamilton, of which Rev. Frank Kovacs is the pastor, was dedicated. The service was more than usually impressive because of the beautiful singing of the Hungarian men who attended the ceremony. The Rev. Wm. Barclay of Central Presbyterian Church, Moderator of the Presbytery, conducted the service, and Rev. Frank Kovacs translated from the English into Hungarian. There was a large attendance of ministers and Church officials. Our President represented the W.M.S. and extended our good wishes for the Church, her minister and Mrs. Kovacs, in whose work for the women and children we as a Society are vitally interested.

A Beloved Worker Resigns

THE "Mackay" Memorial Hospital, Formosa, and Miss Anne Senior, the head nurse, seem so interlinked that we cannot think of them apart. In 1924, Dr. and Mrs. Gushue-Taylor and Miss Senior went to Formosa to reopen the "Mackay" Memorial Hospital, which had been closed for six years for lack of workers. Those who were privileged to hear Miss Senior's story at the Council Meeting, in Ottawa, in 1929, and to meet her personally, do not forget her charm. While we all deeply regret her resignation from our staff, we congratulate the hospital in Hong Kong with which she has affiliated herself.

A Missionary Bereaved

THE deep sympathy of our members goes out to Miss Dorothy Douglas, Superintendent of the Girls' School, in Tamsui, Formosa, in the death of her mother, and we do pray God's comfort for our beloved missionary in her sorrow. Mrs. Douglas resided in Lucknow, Ontario, and was active in everything that served the well-being of the community, but her deepest interest centred in the work of the Church at all times and more especially in 1925. A daughter of the manse, she had given faithful service in the Sabbath School, congregational work and the W.M.S. She was a member of Lucknow Presbyterian Church from girlhood.

Congratulations

WALDIE-WALKER—At Toronto, April 11th, by Rev. Walter McCree, Millicent Walker, to Rev. John R. Waldie, B.A.

Miss Walker represented our W.M.S. in Jewish work, at Scott Institute, Toronto, for the past two years. The best wishes of our members follow this efficient and beloved worker into her new home at the manse, Mosa Burns, London Presbytery, Ontario.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

FOR this Mission Band number a great many helps could be suggested. Little playlets, recitations and new songs make the meeting fascinating, and these are available for leaders. Many inquiries have come regarding the monologue given by the Mission Band at the Ontario Provincial at Stratford. It was called "The Family Mite Box," and is one of the many interesting programme helps to be found in the little book "Missionary Gems", which sells at 35c. per copy. The pageant "Brave Adventurers" is out of print now, and we are recommending other new pageants in its place.

Price Reductions

Because of a particularly good arrangement made with some of our publishers, we can now sell the following books at the new prices given below.

MEN WHO STOOD ALONE—stirring Bible stories—from $1.25 to 50c. per copy.

THE BLACK BEARDED BARBARIAN—the story of Geo. L. Mackay of Formosa—from $1.50 to $1.00 per copy.

THE MEN OF KILDONAN—story of the Red River Settlement—from $2.25 to $1.00.

For Mission Bands

Beautifully tinted mottoes containing the Shepherd Psalm, the Beautitudes or the Ten Commandments, at 8c. each or 2 for 15c.

TEACHING THE BIBLE THROUGH PLAY, by J. V. Jacobs, provides Bible games for the home, Mission Bands or any social gatherings for children. Its aim is to make Bible reading and knowledge more interesting to children. Price 35c.

POST CARDS exquisitely tinted for absent members, or Invitation cards suitable for any organization are 3c. each or 2 for 5c.

CHILDREN'S HAND WORK BOOK of cut-out pictures are 20c. and very suitable for Mission Band work.

Outline PICTURE STUDIES of Children of Other Lands for color purposes are 40c. for a book of 52—one for each week.

MOTHER GOOSE RHYMES for the little tots are delightful and this little booklet also contains a simple pageant.

THE BLUE FRIENDLY BOOK, by Mary Entwistle, is a book of delightful little stories on India. Price 35c.

TALES OF DRAGON LAND, by Henry Payne, is a book of fascinating stories and legends on China. Cloth bound 35c.

THE FAR AWAY STORY SERIES OF BOOKLETS CONTAINS: GREAT HEARTS—stories of Burma; THE WHITE HARE OF OKI—animal stories for bed-time reading; FOLLOW YOUR LEADER—about India, suitable for 10 years of age; HE CANNOT BE CONQUERED—stories of Africa.

These books are very pretty and sell for 5c. each. Order by the titles. If you have not seen these or other books, ask your Literature Secretary to get a few on approval, for your next meeting.

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In writing about pageants, tell about how many wish to take part, the kind of programme desired, the ages, and length of time. Samples will be sent on approval.

YOUNG WOMEN

VACATION DAYS

THY blessing, Lord, on all vacation days!
For weary ones who seek the quiet ways,
Fare forth beyond the thunder of the street,
The marvel of Emmaus Road repeat;
Thy comradeship so graciously bestow
Their hearts shall burn within them as they go.

Grant those who turn for healing to the sea
May find the faith that once by Galilee
Flamed brighter than the glowing bed of coals.
And when Thou hast refreshed their hungry souls,
Speak the old words again beside the deep,
Bid all who love Thee, Master, feed Thy sheep!

Be Thou with those who bide where mountains rise,
Where yearning earth draws nearest to the skies!
Give them the peace, the courage that they ask;
New strength to face the waiting valley task,
New light to lead through shrouding valley haze!
Thy blessing, Lord, on all vacation days.

As you separate this month for your ''Vacation Days'', what plans are you making to stimulate the interest of your members, during the summer months? Why not plan to hold an outdoor meeting. This meeting might take the form of a picnic, having a short devotional period, during the supper hour.

One Auxiliary uses the following plan. The membership is divided into two teams, each member is given a gay little ''Sunshine Bag,'' into which she drops a penny every day the sun shines for her. A penny is such a very small thing and no one has to pledge any definite sum. The ''Sunshine Bags'' are collected at the September meeting and the losing team must entertain the Auxiliary at a social evening which is held sometime during the winter months.

Success Suggestions

Prayers should not be long. Effectual prayers are those from the heart. If you have difficulty in having your members respond to a request to lead in prayer, give them a definite prayer subject. Pray for the Church. Pray for missionaries by name when possible. Pray for special needs, and for spiritual strength. Prayer is vital for success, and it opens the door for service.

The Joy of Accomplishment

The record of the work of the Young Women's department, during the past year, is one that gladdens the heart of your Secretary. It bespeaks good leadership and loyal membership.

Every Provincial reports an increase in Auxiliaries and membership. Manitoba and Quebec have also an increase in membership of Home Helpers.

True, our total givings were $15.48 less than last year, but we have high hopes that, when the records for 1933 are totalled, we will again be able to report an increase. Alberta and Saskatchewan were the only provinces to report an increase in givings.

Alberta also reports an exceptional increase in supplies and Ontario's report shows that Thank-offerings were doubled.

We are sure there is a positive joy in accomplishment which may not be had in any other way. Given a good cause, and the determination to carry on until the work to which we have set our hand is finished, we need not fear failure. —*F. D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

STATION GO-WMS

Broadcasting a Holiday Ensemble

DEAR Radio Friends who are listening in on the Mission Band Broadcast! Some of you are interested because you were yourselves once members of the Mission Band, or because you have assisted the leaders with the little people, or because a small brother or sister is an enthusiastic Missionbander. I am sure that this June Broadcast will make you feel a new desire to help the younger organization. Perhaps there may be an opportunity during the holiday season. What about the infant department in your Church? Does it need fresh paint, new curtains, a cradle roll or picture posters? Some adult organization or Church member might furnish the funds if you girls would undertake the work. Then a set of dolls dressed to represent the children of other lands would be a big boost to next year's Mission Band programme. Daily vacation schools give another field for service as do playgrounds and story hours. At present, the holidays may seem too precious to share in such manner; but, after a couple of weeks, you might welcome a project which would keep the members of your group in touch with each other.

That strikes another note in this Holiday Ensemble. With the advent of summer and the discontinuing of regular meetings, why not plan a few gettogethers. To be sure some of your number will be going off on vacations and others will be looking forward to camp—but there are always some stay-at-homes. The vacationists will bring back a diversity of experience and the campers will return bursting with new ideas for future activities. What will the stay-at-homes have to contribute next autumn? Don't be like the one-talent servant in the parable, invest your holiday coin. Continue your interest in your neighbors, discovered during the past year's mission study. Find out more about the pioneers. On December 30, 1933, it will be sixty years since the Rev. James Robertson set forth on his westward trail and, to commemorate this anniversary, Rev. John McNab has issued a new account of the life of Dr. Robertson. Then if you have had enough of Canada and want to go abroad, there is Pearl Buck's fascinating ''The Young Revolutionist''; or, in view of next year's study of India, visit that country in story and verse. ''The Story of Sonny Sahib,'' by Sara J. D. Cotes, ''Hari, the Jungle Lad,'' by Dhan Gopal Mukerji, ''The Adventure of Akbar,'' by Flora A. Steele, and Kipling's Jungle Books, all will put you in readiness for next winter. Some of these books might be read aloud around the camp fire after a picnic supper or while you sew or knit together some rainy afternoon. Did you know, by the way, that such an important person as the Prince of Wales is a proficient knitter? When a boy, he learned the art from his royal mother and finds it very restful in contrast to affairs of state.

Then for the vacation tea-party, make it as truly international as the Breakfast Table represented at the recent C.G.I.T. Festival where the various nationalities were responsible for the food and table accessories. A tea-party gives an equal scope. For example, take the tea cloth. It may be Mexican drawnwork or an embroidered product of a boarding school in India. It may be Irish linen or Chinese with pattern in cross-stitch; or perhaps a gaily striped affair from a loom in Italy or Czechoslovakia. Time does not permit further discussion, but work out the details in regard to china, silver, glassware and refreshments.

May your holiday be in harmony with the sunshine and beauty of God's great outdoors!

''Make thou my vision sane and clear,
That I might see what beauty clings
In common forms, and find the soul
Of unregarded things.''

Thank you—Signing off. GO-WMS. —M.J.G.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S. Executive held a profitable meeting in April. The reports of various Secretaries were most encouraging, with all departments showing an active interest in the work. Two excellent papers were given, one, by Miss Muldoon, on "Life Mission of Dr. Torrance, of Siberia," the other, by Mrs. Freeman, on "The Fascination of the Bible."

At the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary, a large audience had the privilege of hearing Archdeacon Swanson, of St. Stephen Anglican Church, give his very fine address on "Being Crucified With Our Lord." He centered his remarks on the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

The W.M.S. of Knox Church, Calgary, reports a very successful year, several new members being enrolled. Mrs. McNeil of Grace Church gave the address at the last meeting. Rev. T. A. Rodger was speaker at the Easter Thank-offering.

The Late Mrs. Peter McNaughton

Special memorial services were held at Edmonton Presbyterial Executive and Auxiliary meeting, in memory of Mrs. Peter McNaughton, one of our dearly loved members who had been called home.

"He giveth His beloved sleep."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THE 19th annual meeting of the Provincial Society was held in Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, March 7th and 8th. Mrs. James Herd, the President, presided, and her address, based on the Parable of the Talents, was one of the outstanding items of the programme.

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. F. G. Fowler. This was followed by a very fine outline of the work by Mrs. Thos. Wilson, Corresponding Secretary, indicating the faithfulness and loyalty of the members in the face of difficulties. She reported,—43 Auxiliaries and 1 Associate Society, an increase of 2; a total membership of 667, a decrease of 54; contributions of $4,313.07, or $538.32 less than in 1931. The interest of the 50 Mission Bands with their 950 members is encouraging. The Bands in Westminster Presbyterial are up to the strength they were before 1925. Girls' Organizations have increased by 11 and members by 125, making a total membership of 499. The offerings, which show a decrease of $14.06, are not the actual amounts given by the Groups, as a number of Groups gave their offerings to the local Auxiliaries to help them make up their allocations. There are 9 Y.W. Auxiliaries, with a membership of 116 and gifts totalling $446.49. Three hundred and sixteen Home Helpers gave $736.27. The total membership, is 2,518—an increase of 203, with total contributions of $5,383.70.

The appeal for supplies met with hearty response. Literature sales show a decrease of $127.51. *Glad Tidings* subscriptions numbered 972. The Life Memberships represented a cash value of $300. Fascinating and valuable work was done by the Library Department. Five hundred and fifty-seven visits is the record of the Welcome and Welfare workers. The Student Department has sought to link out-of-town students with their district Church. Lantern slides have been used 20 times more than in the previous year, and costumes have been much in demand for pageants.

Special mention was made of the New Denver Auxiliary of 4 members , which met its allocation of $50.75, also its Supply allocation.

Dr. Jessie MacBean, of Hackett Medical College, Canton, China, our beloved missionary, was the guest speaker and her splendid addresses at the public evening meeting, the afternoon session and the Girls' rally on Thursday evening, made a profound impression.

The solemn installation service was in charge of Mrs. R. M. Thomson, and the closing message was given by Mrs. R. J. Douglas.

The changes in Secretaries are: Welcome and Welfare, Mrs. Hugh M. Fraser, 1661 Harwood St., Vancouver; Student, Miss Helen Boutilier, 980 22nd Ave. W., Vancouver; Costume, Miss Lily Lyle, 1415 West Georgia St., Vancouver; Literature, Miss M. McIlwaine.

MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

SUPERIOR P.S.—Dr. Jessie MacBean spoke to the ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Fort William, at their April meeting, and they were all so interested. In the evening she addressed a rally of the Young People's Society, giving a very interesting address.

Rev. P. Cundy was the speaker at the Easter Thank-offering of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Fort William. Mrs. H. R. Grant, presided.

The Easter Thank-offering of First Church, Port Arthur, was most helpful. Mrs. A. G. McCormick presided. Rev. J. A. McMahon conducted the devotions. Mrs. Cranston gave an interesting Bible reading on ''A Beautiful Deed,'' as exemplified by the anointing of Christ's feet with the precious ointment. Mrs. Ballantyne, Presbyterial President, gave an inspiring paper on ''Love'', basing it on Dr. Drummond's address ''The Greatest Thing in the World.''

ONTARIO

MRS. D. MASON MCLENNAN, R. R. 1, LANCASTER, PRESS SECRETARY

Annual Meeting

THE nineteenth Annual Meeting of Ontario Provincial Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, Stratford, April 25th, 26th, 27th. This beautiful Church, containing many mementos of its long and honored history, held almost a record attendance, 477 having registered. Adequate and convenient arrangements were made by the Committee in charge, who adopted as a motto, ''It can be done.'' The kind hospitality of the hostesses, and of the Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's and Knox Churches, was sincerely appreciated, as were the services of the organist, choir and soloists.

Mrs. J. H. McCabe extended a warm welcome from the Presbyterial, and Rev. G. P. Duncan, D.D., welcomed the delegates to the Church, while Synodical greetings were presented by Rev. A. G. McPherson. Sister Societies also sent kindly greetings.

All sessions opened with a helpful Scripture message and prayer, the message being based on various aspects of Faith. Closing petitions were for the work and the workers. Daily departmental conferences were arranged, and ample time was allowed for discussion.

The President, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, who presided at all sessions, mentioned in her address the encouraging increase in junior organizations, and emphasized the need for self-examination, enthusiasm and fellowship to increase the membership of our senior Auxiliaries, and build up our Society.

From the comprehensive viewpoint of a Council member, Mrs. D. Strachan spoke of the difficult financing of the past year, and of the urgent need of increased funds even to carry on present work; Mrs. J. M. Poole told of the wide influence and splendid work of our hospitals and School Residences; Mrs. A. R. McMurrich showed the growth of the overseas work from one foreign missionary 7 years ago to fifteen now, and the great spiritual and educational benefits. Miss Irene Stringer spoke briefly of the wonderful influence of the Gospel on the lives of boys and girls in India, while Dr. Margaret O'Hara brought a beautiful message—that the passing of the years brings a fuller realization of God's love. Miss P. B. Lamont speaking on ''Youth and Missions'' dealt with the notable progress of our work in the West, where the adventurous spirit of youth is needed.

Miss MacMurchy, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), who brought greetings from Council, in her address gave a general survey of conditions. She spoke of the wonderful spirit maintained under severe difficulties, pointing out that it was Christ's command that the strong bear the burdens of the weak.

At the first evening session, St. Andrew's Mission Band presented ably a pageant, ''The Young Adventurers,'' in which they sailed away in search of souls for Christ, and returned with those for whom they sought—boys and girls of heathen races. A sweet-voiced boys' choir and a monologue on ''The family mission-box'' by a wee girl added to Young People's night. To the second evening session Rev. F. G. Vesey brought a message of the great blessing and high honor of a faithful and consecrated womanhood.

From the 24 Presbyterials, brief reports were received of the year's work. Some reported increased membership especially in junior organizations, but all showed consecrated effort, and expressed an earnest resolve to advance.

A question box, conducted by Mrs. Thorburn, was of great interest, and provided much helpful information.

In presenting their reports, Provincial Secretaries emphasized important aspects of their work. The Treasurer, who reported receipt of $119,138.31, urged that each Auxiliary member give in proportion to what she spends for other things. She also presented the finance report, with a tribute of heartfelt appreciation of the work of the late Miss Sarah E. Orr. In the Special Campaign Fund, it was reported that collections were up to schedule. In Welcome and Welfare, 3,213 names had been received, 1,165 of whom had connected with Church life. Home Helpers numbered 5,921, with contributions of $7,336.20. *Glad Tidings* subscriptions were 15,846, a slight decrease, but in almost every Presbyterial some Auxiliaries had increased subscriptions. Supplies sent out included outfits for 106 boys and 150 girls. Student Secretaries have been appointed in 18 Presbyterials, with work well carried on. Organizations now numbered 1,231, with a membership of 29,102, of which 14,275 comprise the junior organizations. The Corresponding Secretary brought out strongly the need for more thought for our decreasing membership, more concerted prayer and activity in gaining members. By enthusiastic, unanimous vote the audience resolved to increase the active membership of each Presbyterial by 10 per cent., which could be accomplished by 2 new members in each organization. Again the motto was adopted— ''It can be done.''

The invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Hamilton was accepted by the Provincial Society.

Miss MacMurchy conducted the election and installation of officers. Those retiring are Mrs. J. A. Milne, Mrs. F. R. Redditt and Mrs. D. M. McLennan, while new officers are: Mrs. J. G. Inkster, Mrs. H. C. McKellar, Mrs. G. F. Clark, Mrs. Wm. Allen. New Departmental Secretaries: Finance, Mrs. G. F. Clark, R.R. 1, Brighton; Student, Mrs. H. C. McKellar, 80 Augusta St., Hamilton; Press, Mrs. J. R. Sanderson, 55 Ilesworth Ave., Toronto; General Interest Department, discontinued.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

A Tribute to the Memory of Miss Helen Dunn Rhind

To the memory of Miss Helen Dunn Rhind, who went Home, April 6, 1933, the members of the Quebec Provincial Executive Board of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, pay loving tribute.

To her work as Literature, *Glad Tidings* and Lantern Slide Secretary, and member of the Courtesy Committee, Miss Rhind brought many talents, which, by her consecrated effort, were multiplied and laid at the Master's feet. Her radiant life gave cheer and encouragement to all, especially to those in lonely places. For all she was, and did for the Master, we thank God.

As we think of her now, amongst those ''which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, and serve Him day and night,'' we pray, that as her life exemplified the fruits of the Spirit, so may all who knew and loved her, ''follow on to know the Lord.''

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE JAW P.S.—The W.M.S. and Young Women's Association of Knox Church, Moose Jaw, held a joint Easter Thank-offering on April 20th. The President, Mrs. D. M. Craig, presided. Mrs. John A. Thompson, delegate to the Provincial, gave a detailed report of the meetings. The guest speaker for the evening was Miss L. Macarthur, Regina, who gave a most interesting address on ''The Aim and Purpose of the W.M.S., and the Part Women have Played in the Spread of the Gospel Down Through the Ages,'' taking for her text, Psalm 68: 11. Rev. A. K. Davidson also spoke, emphasizing Miss Macarthur's theme. Miss Macarthur addressed the Mission Band on Friday afternoon and also visited several Chinese families, at the request of Mrs. Walter Martin, of Regina, and received a very hearty welcome.

Regina P.S.—First Presbyterian Church, Regina, held its special Thank-offering service April 17th. Mrs. A. W. Edgar read an interesting paper on ''Paving the Way for Missions'' which was followed by an illustrated lecture on our mission fields in India, by Mrs. J. A. Sinclair.

Saskatoon P.S.—The Easter Thank-offering service of Parkview W.M.S. was held in the Church. Following the business, interesting reports were given by the Mission Band and the W.M.S. delegates to the recent 19th annual meeting of the Provincial Society, held in Regina. Mr. G. E. Harms, the special speaker, gave a helpful address on missions, basing his remarks on Christ's command, ''Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel.'' Mr. Harms stated that the Church without missions could not prosper and showed the greater vision missions provided within the Church.

In response to an appeal from a missionary in China for used Christmas cards the W.M.S. of St. Andrew's, Saskatoon, are collecting the same with the intention of forwarding them to China.

Alberta, British Columbia and Quebec News, held for lack of space, will appear next month. For other Quebec item see page 215. EDITOR.

Treasurer's Statement

April 29th, 1933

RECEIPTS	
A Friend	$ 25.15
A Friend, ''Chinese work in Toronto''	20.00
Miss I. McDonald, Ottawa, ''Work in Northern Ontario''	5.00
Mrs. Jos. Henderson, Toronto, ''New Missionary's Expenses''	75.00
Legacy from the Estate of Miss E. M. Neville, through Knox Church Auxiliary, Toronto	200.00
Rent of property in Vegreville, Alta.	40.00
Refund from South Porcupine Hospital	20.00
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	198.72
British Columbia	250.00
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God Sends Love To You

Above the edge of dark appear the lances of the sun;
Along the mountain ridges clear his rosy heralds run;
The vapors down the valley go,
Like broken armies, dark and low.
Look up, my heart, from every hill
In folds of rose and daffodil
The sunrise banners flow.

Oh, fly away on silent wing, ye boding owls of night!
Oh, welcome little birds that sing the coming-in of light!
For new, and new, and ever new,
The golden bud within the blue;
And every morning seems to say:
"There's something happy on the way,
And God sends love to you!"

—*Henry Van Dyke.*

Editorial

Re-creation Days

AT this season when so many seek recreation in God's great out-of-doors, we might do well to re-read the opening paragraph of a message entitled, Religion Out-of-doors, from the pen of Hamilton Wright Mabie. He says:

"A Scotch Highlander, old, worn, and poor, was in the habit of going every morning a little distance from his cottage and standing there, unbonneted, for a few minutes. When asked one day by a friend, who came upon him and waited until he had covered his head and turned his eyes away from the hills, if he were saying his prayers, he replied, with a rare smile: 'I have come here every morning for years and taken off my bonnet to the beauty of the world.' It was an untaught man's expression of that deep poetry which runs through the Celtic race like a vein of gold; and it was also a primitive act of worship. The splendor of God on the face of the earth is always to be seen reverently and adoringly; and only they attain the true spirit of worship to whom the silent aisles of the woods are as sacred as the pillaried aisles of the church, and the autumnal glory shining on the hills as much a symbol of the presence of God as the altar fragrant with the breath of flowers and beautiful with the light of painted windows or of shining tapers. For the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, though we are slow to learn and swift to forget.''

May all who seek release from the strain and stress and steady grind of every day life, or renewal of health and strength, find just what they need in the great open spaces. May they be protected from all danger, and may a joyous recreation result in a re-creation for future service.

Annual Meeting Echoes

THE annual Provincial meetings are a thing of the past. Some people thought, in the interest of economy, they should not be held. But if what one hears and reads is a true indication of their inspiration and help they were justified beyond a doubt.

To speak of Ontario Provincial of which we hear most, we know that the delegates went there with a feeling of expectancy—would this year of stress and difficulty bring any new hope?—could it bring encouragement to groups desperately striving to reach the goal set for them? There was something pensive in this unexpressed longing for a message that would enable them to go out and go forward.

And as session followed session the seed of faith and hope grew until the great evening meeting when it found its culmination. The speaker was the Rev. F. G. Vesey, of Toronto, and round the first three verses of Chapter eight of St. Luke's Gospel he wove his message. Sometimes, he said, he wished there had been a fifth gospel, written by a woman, giving the little details of the life of Christ which only the eyes of a woman and a mother would have noticed. He spoke feelingly of the women of the Bible and their loyalty. After choosing a woman to be the mother of Christ, can any woman be the same if she realizes the great reality of God's raising women after centuries of bondage to new heights of majesty and cooperation. Man has largely failed, he claimed. If women can get the vision of God's great purpose, and can work quietly in her strong way, no one can compute the great results that will accrue. What the world needs today is women who are willing to give up those things that have become substitutes, to spiritual consecrated endeavor. True Christian love is needed to know the pulsing thrill of giving.

In this great address which moved the audience by its sincerity and depth, Mr. Vesey again and again urged women to retain a high opinion of their Christian womanhood, because it was the means by which God gave the world the message of His Blessed Son. You may not be honored as you think you should be by your fellow workers, but remember to be loyal to the Royal in yourself, Christianity is a Royal Aristocracy and Christians should be kings and priests.

As the last day dawned, and the spirit of determination to go out and use these great moments of inspiration gained momentum, one felt that hope and optimism had taken hold of the delegates and that all were going out with spirits fired to new zeal.

New Council Executive Officers for 1933

THE list of officers for 1933-34 appear on the inside of the front cover of this issue. There are no changes, but there are two additions. Miss E. Forsyth has been appointed Assistant Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. J. A. McClure, Assistant Supply Secretary. Mrs. McClure was Supply Secretary of Toronto Presbyterial for a number of years, and the members of the Executive are delighted that Mrs. Fletcher, the head of this department, is to have associated with her one so eminently fitted to share with her the burden of a department which has become increasingly heavy as the work of the Society has expanded, and extended.

Changes in Staff

THE Deaconess Department report a number of staff changes. Speaking to her report at the Enlarged Council Executive, Mrs. McMullen, the Secretary, made it very clear that workers in this department are not appointed permanently to any one place, and that when experienced deaconesses are required in new fields the organized Sunday Schools and Societies should be prepared to carry on the work themselves or with the help of a beginner.

The changes are:

Miss Grigor, deaconess at large in Vancouver, whose work among the young has been outstanding, has been appointed deaconess at large at Grande Prairie, Alta.

Mrs. McLean, itinerating deaconess in British Columbia, becomes deaconess at large in Vancouver.

Miss Hazel Macdonald, missionary deaconess in Pouce Coupe, Peace River District, who did such splendid pioneer work, and in whom the young women were so particularly interested, has been appointed deaconess at large in the Presbytery of Prince Albert, with headquarters at Prince Albert.

Mrs. Mackenzie, of Gonor All People's Mission, than whom no one on the staff holds a warmer place in the hearts of our women, is retiring because of age and Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, whose work in East Selkirk has been so signally blessed, has resigned to be married. While we deeply regret the loss of these beloved workers we have to accept the ultimatum of age, and the claim of romance.

Both these workers have expressed the opinion that these two fields should be combined and placed in charge of a married missionary. On the recommendation of the Presbytery of Winnipeg and the Advisory Committee of Manitoba Provincial Society, these two fields have been put in the care of the Board of Missions.

Welcome Miss Burdick

MISS ALMA BURDICK, Principal of the Women's School in Tamsui, Formosa, is expected in Canada in September, for her first furlough. Our members are looking forward with pleasure to welcoming this devoted worker and to hearing of the far reaching Christian influence of this School. Last year 38 women were enrolled, some were from heathen homes and five were aboriginal women.

A Message From Australia

THE International correspondent of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union, Australia, writing of her interest in our Annual Report, says:

> "It is a great thing to keep in touch with the work of other Missionary Societies and to realize the similarity of each other's problems and that we all have the same Source of Power. The world depression has naturally affected us all, and yet I think it has created a better understanding of the real world needs and many of us have, in consequence, come closer to Him Who can supply them. I am Treasurer of a Fund for getting rid of the debt on our mission work and am often touched by the earnest desire of so many to go beyond the 'second mile'. Amongst many other things in your Report I was struck by a sentence of one of your Field Secretaries, *viz.*, that 'a new member should not be counted until she was settled in interest and attendance.' That is a specially helpful thought in regard to deciding upon an objective for each branch, based on membership. One gets so many nominal members in some branches that numbers count very little. I do congratulate you on the good work achieved and, on behalf of our Union, wish you much joy and success in the coming year."

Sailing Date Changed

MISSES Stringer and Whatling are returning to India earlier than they expected. They will sail from Montreal, September 8th, on the *Duchess of Richmond,* C.P.R. Line, and from Liverpool, September 22nd, on the *City of Canton,* arriving at Bombay, October 14th. Miss Mary Sherrick, who has been appointed to school work in the Bhil Field, India, will sail at the same time.

Congratulations

FESENKO–MAYSTROWICH. — At Royce Avenue Presbyterian Church, Toronto, on June 17th by the Rev. H. A. Berlis, Julia Maystrowich, to Rev. Michael Fesenko, Th.B.

Miss Maystrowich was a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home and represented our W.M.S. at the Ukrainian Mission, in Toronto, of which Mr. Fesenko is Superintendent. The best of good wishes follow this attractive young couple as they together carry on this important work among their fellow-countrymen.

The Council Executive will resume its weekly meetings on Tuesday, September 12th, at the Board Room of Knox College, Toronto.

Prayer and Missions

BY DR. R. G. MACBETH

WHEN our Lord led His disciples into a discussion of the world as a field whitening to the harvest, He provided a figure of speech which perennially presses His followers forward to new efforts for missionary extension. And when He got them to pray for more laborers in the harvest field, it meant for all the generations, that if those who thus pray are sincere, they will either go themselves, if possible, or see that others are sent to the field for which they are praying.

A statement once made by that great man, the Rev. Dr. John Black, of Kildonan, the minister of my boyhood days, bears out this interpretation. I read the statement years after he made it, and after he and his congregation had exemplified its truth by their own action.

For some years after he came to the country, Dr. Black, as the only minister of our Church in the region, had practical oversight of the whole area bordering on the Red and the Assiniboine rivers in what is now the Province of Manitoba. He visited many points in that area, holding services with the help of his elders and organizing congregations wherever opportunity offered. But his soul yearned beyond the skyline of his own parish into the great lone land to the westward. That vast territory was inhabited by tribes of Indians not then reached by our Church. And Dr. Black said to the leaders of the Church in the East, ''I feel the prayers of myself and my people limited unless we, as a Church, determine to do missionary work among these heathen tribes. We pray for them and must give them the Gospel.'' And he kept this view before our Church leaders until Rev. James Nisbet was sent out to the Red River country to assist Dr. Black. Then preparations were made for action when suitable workers, including some who knew the country and the language, could be secured. And one day that old parish of Dr. Black's in Kildonan was moved from end to end and everybody made some contribution to equip a cart and wagon caravan, to send Mr. Nisbet, Mr. John McKay, with their families and several other Kildonan men and women five hundred miles across the prairie to found Prince Albert Mission amongst the Cree Indians of the Saskatchewan. So Dr. Black taught us that sincere prayers for laborers in the harvest field, involves our going ourselves or sending and supporting others.

Recently a letter from the Rev. Hugh A. MacMillan and Mrs. MacMillan, posted at Honolulu, came back to Vancouver warmly thanking us, who, in the name of the whole Presbyterian Church in Canada, had given these missionaries a Godspeed reception at an impressive service. For years now, similar letters have been coming to this port from which scores of missionaries have sailed to the Orient. But back of us who have the honor of representing them here, are the members and adherents of our great Church all across Canada. As the fruitage of their prayers for laborers to be thrust forth by the hand of God into the places of honor in the harvest field of the world, missionary workers, chosen and elect for service, have gone out to the ends of the earth.

Thus are we all joined together in this supreme enterprise of the Christ who died to save the world. Thus also do we unite our hearts and voices in that lofty prayer of the great missionary hymn—

''Waft, waft, ye winds His story
And you, ye waters roll
Till like a sea of glory
It spreads from pole to pole.''

Peace River District

Land of Big Rivers, Wooded Hills, Vast Fields and Prize Wheat

Miss P. B. Lamont, Field Secretary

I WAS informed that the best time to visit this land of hope and opportunity was between the spring thaws and June rains. I chose the last week of May, but as will be seen, the weather man played a joke on me.

I left Edmonton on the afternoon of May 20th, arriving at Grande Prairie next day at noon. Here I was met by Rev. E. A. Wright, taken to his home for dinner, and in the afternoon motored to Pouce Coupe, B.C., 93 miles farther west, passing on the way the farm of Mr. Herman Trille, where is grown the prize grain of the North American continent.

At Pouce Coupe, I was welcomed by Miss Hazel Macdonald, who undertook to show me the country and the beginning of our new work in that north land. That evening we motored to Dawson Creek, where she had organized a Sunday School and Girl Guide group, calling at a couple of homes and meeting some of the girls. Miss Macdonald had been taking charge of the Sunday service in the district until the arrival of the student for the summer, so Sunday morning we started out in her car for High Ridge school. It was raining, which means mud. We motored to the edge of a ravine, which we crossed on foot, taking up considerable real estate at every step. The man who put on the fire was all our audience, so, after some friendly chat, we retraced our muddy way and returned to town. In the afternoon, there was a good audience at Riverside, six miles out, where we have a very attractive log Church and fine congregation of staunch folk. I had met them on Saturday night at a bean supper and play provided by their Ladies' Aid. It was our intention to start immediately after supper for Fort St. John, 70 miles north, but a hail storm delayed us until 9.30. After traversing hills, valleys, level plateaus, and switch-back curves, we reached the top of Peace River hill about midnight, but the late glory-colored sunset and long twilight made the night seem still young. A winding descent of about 900 feet brought us to the river, which we crossed by boat and spent the night at Taylor's Landing, proceeding the following morning to Fort St. John—the gateway to the wide areas of North British Columbia—a fine town, with Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches, and a Catholic hospital. Here we met Rev. W. E. Burch, who had gone in a short time before and was co-operating with our Anglican friends in ministering to the needs of the many scattered settlers.

On our return trip we boarded the ferry about 6 o'clock, expecting to reach Pouce Coupe before dark. The ferry had us almost landed when something went wrong with the propeller and we began to float down stream. The anchor was cast but did not grip. As the current is very swift the prospect was not a very cheering one. However, after drifting for a couple of miles the anchor caught and we stayed. Four men came to our rescue in a motor boat and after a couple of hours managed to fix the propeller sufficiently for us to land, and we arrived in Pouce Coupe without further mishap. The following day, May 24th, we motored to Grande Prairie, in rain, snow and mud, which kept us so late that we were unable to meet the women of the Auxiliary there.

Mr. Wright planned to motor me to Dixonville, 160 miles, on the following day, but the roads were impassable so I took the night train east to McLennan, arriving at 7.45 a.m., and a freight train back on the north side of the river to Brownvale, arriving about 7 p.m. Here I was met by Mr. Hutton, our student in charge of the field, who with his wife and two children live in one room at the rear of our Church there. Here I had a combined meeting of the Mission Band, C.G.I.T. Group, and women, under the leadership of Mrs. Hutton, 12 being present. The following day I was driven by Mrs. Hutton to Dixonville, where Dr. Margaret Strang is not only physician but also preacher, superintendent of two Sabbath Schools, leader of a girls' group, and teacher of a night school. Dixonville is half way between Grimshaw, on the railroad, and Nobkein (Battle River) which is the gateway to the vast regions of Northern Alberta, as Fort St. John is in British Columbia.

Fort St. John is in B.C., and here, too, settlers have been flocking in the last few years. It was estimated that over 5,000 people were settled north of Battle River, and 2,000 in Dr. Strang's immediate neighborhood, and she was the only church worker along that 70 mile stretch.

Into this north land hundreds of families have trekked from the dried out areas of the Prairie Provinces in search of a place where there would be rain, and grain would grow. As one watched the settlers going north along these highways with their wagon, car, or truck, taking just what supplies their conveyance would hold, often a few cattle following behind, and knowing the toil that was ahead, probably first to pitch a tent, then clear enough land for a log house, then begin the stiff battle with nature to win from her a livelihood for the family, one realized their great need of the kindly word, the friendly hand, the consolations of the gospel ministry. The field is large, the need is urgent. It is a real Land of Promise. Are we ready and willing to go up and do battle to take possession?

A Day in the Most Southern Station in Our Formosa Field

Miss Alma M. Burdick

ONE day only in which to visit the Christians, get a glimpse of the homes of the Aboriginal people and see the points of interest, in Tai Tang, a town of seven thousand people, in south east Formosa. This town and the surrounding country resembles Western Canada for many of the inhabitants went from the older district of the 'western' side of the island, crossed the mountains, then infested with dangerous savage tribes, and settled along the eastern sea coast to make new homes and increase their wealth. Some of these people left Christian homes but in the busy pioneering days have forgotten God and His teaching. A few have remained faithful and to them is due the beginning and interest in the Church there.

Fortunately, on this one day, a brisk wind was blowing from the sea and proved very invigorating for the walk in the hot sunshine. Mr. Lim, the young preacher, and a Christian young man were our guides. Their services were welcome indeed as we wound in and out from broad streets to little narrow alleys among the houses which were tucked close together without any air space between.

Our first call was at the home of a sick mother who had heard the gospel from a woman who used to be a student and teacher in our Mission Girls' School. This mother testified that she had had definite answers to prayer and that she firmly believes the Gospel. Her husband as yet does not believe but we hope he may do so soon.

The next home was that of a gray haired woman who had little of this world's goods, her house was only rough poles supporting a thatch roof, the mud brick walls of the neighbors' houses serving as her protection too. Not a chair or stool could be seen but we were cordially invited to sit on the straw mat which lay on her board bed. She had heard of the Heavenly home and her face showed that she was joyously anticipating going there. Across the street was the home of a large family, the head of which heard the Good News from Dr. Mackay many years ago. In this household young and old gather for family worship and the Lord is praised in hymn and prayer.

Miss Senior and a group of aboriginal people. The man behind Miss Senior is Mr. Lim, the preacher.

The two villages of different aboriginal tribes on the border of the town were most interesting. In some of the homes the idol shelf with all its paraphernalia, indicative of the dark superstitions of the Chinese heathen worship, has been installed at the cost of several hundred yen. In others, the small shrines for Shinto worship have been set up. How sad it is that they do not know of the true God and we have not the language to tell them. A great work is yet to be done among these people.

One Christian woman hired a taxi and took us to see the reform school which the Japanese have established to teach delinquent young men different trades and thus make them useful members of society.

Evening came, the people were preparing their suppers, so we went back to the manse where the preacher's young wife had a hot meal waiting for us. This we hurriedly ate with chopsticks and bowl for there was yet a home to which Mr. Lim wished to take us.

Was it all quiet at the church when we returned? Oh no! Four aboriginal men were there being taught by two Christian young men. They are learning to speak and read the Formosan language and hoping to know the Creator of Whom the hymns are written. We sang with them, then went to a neighboring home where several of the Christians were gathered to have tea and cakes with us in a little farewell party.

Near midnight we sought our cots for a brief rest, for at four o'clock the next morning we were up packing luggage to be off by seven in order to get back home in time for the Council meeting.

What The River Teaches

This message which was given at the Annual Meeting of Ontario Provincial Society, by Mrs. John Williams, the Corresponding Secretary, is applicable to the whole Dominion.

A MIGHTY river flows south through the centre of the Continent. It is fed by tributaries having their source in perennial springs or in mountain snows. By them is the land enriched and mankind blessed.

Another mighty river flows through Ontario. This river, known as the Women's Missionary Society river, is fed by its 24 tributaries, one from each Presbyterial. These streams have their source in the perennial springs of love and loyalty, of gratitude and devotion. What a story is carried by each stream—a story of willing service, oft-times under difficulties; of increase and decrease; of disappointment; of praise and thanksgiving for work accomplished and for new opportunities afforded.

1. Sometimes a river is broad. Sometimes the broad river is a shallow river wherein we may find weeds and sandbars. In our W.M.S. river we must avoid the sandbars of indifference, of failure to attend meetings, of growing weary, and the worst sandbar of all—being satisfied with what we have done. Then we must steer our craft clear of the weeds and rushes of letting someone else do the work, of criticizing where we will not help, of engagements, pleasures, or avoidable duties happening on Auxiliary day. Shallows are dangerous. The power of a river lies in the deep channel where the current is strong. The strength

of an Auxiliary lies in the deep-rooted determination and consecration of its members.

2. Often a river flings back the glory of the sun or the grandeur of the skies as it sings its message to those who have ears to hear and eyes to see. A man whistling as he works or as he walks, along the street—too seldom heard to-day—is a gladsome sound. May we not sing as we go—a solo if need be, a chorus if possible, making a long pull, a strong pull, a pull all together as the W.M.S. craft is urged through the waters.

3. A river *moves onward to the great sea.* It must or it is not a river. What of our W.M.S. river? It too *moves onward to its great goal—its sea*—the aim of all W.M.S. endeavor—''Every woman and child united in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ at home and abroad.'' Has this been accomplished? In a report of a few years ago, each Presbyterial showed gains in membership and organization and an allocation reached and exceeded. To-day, what? Last year a decrease, this year a decrease in Senior membership. Why? We have organizations, but we will never get anywhere with an organizing policy if it be a forgetting policy. Our organization must be cared for.

We have Mission Bands where the children study, become interested, and love to work for others. They grow. After a time we find some of them in Young Women's Auxiliaries. Where are the rest? How did it happen that they were lost by the way?

The young women are the hope of the immediate future. They are bringing to this work enthusiasm and their present day viewpoint. We expect them to come into the Senior department, but will they come? Not if we have a decreasing department.

4. A river has fresh water. So it must be in our W.M.S. river—information, viewpoint, method must be up-to-date. If need be, we must never be afraid to change our opinion. Are there some women who have wandered away? Do we seek them and ask them to return? Do we watch for new members? Are our programmes attractive and planned to appeal to the uninterested woman? Is our welcome really sincere? Does it reach beyond the Auxiliary? Have we ourselves caught the spirit of this work? It is the spirit of Christ reflecting and radiating from us that wins and attracts others to this great cause.

What Has Happened?

We were vitally, keenly alert in 1925-26. What has happened to us in six years? What is the need of the future? More members, active and consecrated. Each person is consecrated to something. Let us consecrate ourselves to the great purpose of our Society—the advancement of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad. The increasing of Auxiliary members is more important than we think. They are the mainstay of the Society, the pivot of the whole work. They supply the money, and to a large extent, the women, and the missionaries.

In this period of economic depression, we hear much of the increasing use being made of public libraries and reading rooms. Herein is a suggestion worthwhile to us. May we not use this time to read and study and pray; to increase our interest and information, to win those not yet in our Society, by giving them a share in this work. Soon the storm clouds will lift and the skies will be clear and bright and then we shall have a more worthy membership, larger, better informed, more interested, more ready and more eager to go forward. Now is the time to build up our membership.

Want Definite Aim

Shall we not have a definite aim this year? Our Ontario membership is reported as 34,102. Shall we aim for 37,000? We have 13,906 reported in Senior Auxiliaries. May we not aim for 15,000? ''Not failure but low aim is crime,'' is a familiar quotation.

Let us be more definite and ask for a 10 per cent. increase in membership in each Presbyterial or more definite still an increase of, at least, two active members in each organization. It has been done—it can be done. Will you say ''It shall be done!''

A river is measured by the water it brings to the sea, a fountain by its overflow, and a Christian by his helpfulness to others.

And now in thought we stand at the source of our river, at the very fountain head. We are at a high altitude and the horizon is far distant. We stand quietly looking afar and if we will we can hear a voice, the voice of Jesus Christ, saying, ''Co-laborers with Me, My witnesses, look, the fields are wide and white already to harvest.''

One day a British statesman walked through the portrait gallery in his home. His son who was watching him saw his lips move as he paused before certain portraits. ''Father,'' said the boy, ''do you talk to those pictures?''

In answer the father said, ''Come here, my boy.'' Putting his arm around the boy's shoulders they walked along. Pausing before a portrait, the father said, ''My boy, this is a picture of my father, your grandfather. He used to say to me when I was a boy like you, 'My boy, you belong to a noble family and bear an honored name. Do nothing that will dishonor your family or your name. In the days to come will you be true to your honored name?' I said to him then and I say to-day, 'Father, I will be true.' This is a picture of my sister, older than I. She was a nurse and gave herself in service to the sick and suffering and those less fortunate than herself. She used to say to me, 'Brother, there are so many sad and suffering about you, will you ever remember to be kind and thoughtful? Will you be true to the claims of those around and about, who need you?' I said to her then and I say again, 'Sister, I will be true!'

"This is the portrait of my uncle. He served his King and country in many wars. He used to write to me and say, 'My boy, you belong to a great Empire. Will you serve her well? Will you ever be true to King and Country?' I said to him, 'I will be true.'" Pausing before a portrait of a woman of rare, calm, beauty he said, "My son, this is my mother. In days long since past, she was wont to put her arm about me and say, 'Laddie, there is One whom you must love, Who died to save you, Who asks that you serve Him. Will you be true to Him? If you are true to Him you cannot be untrue to name or family, to King or Country, to those who need, nor to yourself. Will you be true?' and as I look into her sainted face I say now as I said then, 'My mother, I will be true.'"

Candidates' Department

MRS. D. INGLIS GRANT

THE Candidates Committee began its work, last year, realizing that few candidates could be accepted, even for training, during the year. Vacancies would be cared for as they occurred. This, of course, did not prevent applications coming in. Our cards show correspondence or conference with seventy-six applicants since March, 1932. Unemployment accounted for a number of these, far fields attracted others, while many were really interested in mission work, and in preparation for such work. These last named were asked to hold their applications over for a time, and to use the interval, if possible, in adding to their educational, and other equipment. Once again, a very promising and desirable worker was lost to the Society, through an adverse medical report.

At last, the department reports the appointment of a teacher, holding the required qualifications, to the Girls' School, in Tamsui, Formosa. In April, 1932, Miss Phyllis Argall, of Kobe, Japan, was appointed to the teaching staff of this school. Miss Argall has her B.A. degree in English and History, and her M.A. degree in English, from the University of Toronto. Because she has the Japanese language, has her home in Japan, and is keenly interested in Christian missions, the Council Executive accepted her for the three years' term of service, for which she applied.

In May, another important appointment was made. Dr. Elizabeth Hope Thurrott, of Newcastle Bridge, New Brunswick, was accepted for evangelistic medical work in the villages about Jhansi, India. Dr. Thurrott is a graduate in medicine, from Dalhousie University, Halifax, and adds to her medical training, post-graduate work in the Sick Children's Hospital, Halifax, N.S., and in the General Hospital, Saint John, New Brunswick. She has also to her credit, six years of experience as a medical missionary in "The Ackerman Hoyt Memorial Hospital," in Jhansi, India, under the "Union Women's Missionary Society of America."

The need of a principal for the Girls' High School, in New Amsterdam, British Guiana, was featured in the July-August, and September issues of *The Glad Tidings,* and brought in several applications from University trained young women. Unfortunately, later developments made it necessary to postpone indefinitely the appointment to British Guiana.

In the autumn, Miss Gertrude Mary Sherrick, of Weyburn, Sask., was accepted for training with a view to school work in India. Miss Sherrick was graduated from the University of Saskatchewan with honors in mathematics, had Normal Training in the College of Education, and taught science and mathematics for two years in the Maple Creek High School, Saskatchewan. At the request of the Council Executive she came to the Training Home early in January for some months of missionary preparation, and, at a recent meeting of the Executive, was appointed to school work in the Bhil Field, India. Miss Sherrick is the fourth candidate from Saskatchewan to receive appointment to overseas service, under our Society, since 1928, and the second from the Weyburn Church. A very warm welcome was given her by our own Board and later by the General Board of Missions. It is expected she will sail for India in the early autumn.

Three appointments to National work, were made through this department, during the year—Miss Sadie McQueen, formerly a teacher in the Mistawasis Indian Day School, was appointed to the staff of the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School, at Kenora, Ontario; Miss Frieda Matthews, after teaching a year in the Kenora School, accepted appointment to deaconess work in the Red Deer district of Alberta; and Miss Margaret Robertson, for several years Superintendent of Knox Church House, Toronto, is now Superintendent of our School Residence in New Liskeard, Ontario.

It is significant of the times, that the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions asked, last year, not for our calls for publication, as usual, but that we keep them informed of any openings, for which we might be willing to consider applicants. Our list of "sailings," reported, on request, each year, to the Student Volunteer Movement offices, in New York, contains the names of 7 new missionaries sent overseas in 1932,—3 to Formosa, 4 to India.

A regrettable feature of the year's work was, that many desirable applications had to be consigned to a waiting list for the time being. Your Candidates Committee hopes that soon again, it may look forward, not only to filling vacancies, but also, to meeting the needs of expanding work.

The World Day of Prayer

March 3, 1933

Mrs. E. M. Trotter

ALL regular readers of Canadian Women's Missionary Magazines are somewhat familiar with the work of the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada. They know that this Committee was formed in 1920, of representatives of the Canadian Women's Missionary Boards, for the purpose of promoting a Dominion-wide Interdenominational Women's Day of Prayer for Missions.

Two years later our Day of Prayer was united with that of the women of the United States and on March 3rd, 1922, the first International Day of Prayer was held.

Year by year, we have learned from our magazines how this thought of united prayer has appealed to Christian women everywhere, until the day has become in fact a World Day of Prayer.

The basic programmes for general use on this Day have been prepared, in recent successive years, in the United States, Canada, Korea, India and China, and, for 1934, the programme has come from Africa. These programmes are sent all over the world, and are adapted to fit the circumstances of each country. The Inter-Board Committee does this adapting for Canadian use. It also, through key women in each province, promotes the observance of the Day, with the use of the programmes, all over Canada.

The growth of interest in Canada since 1922 has been phenomenal. In cities, towns and villages, in lonely prairie settlements, and other remote country districts, the sense of world-wide fellowship brought by this Day makes a strong appeal. It appeals equally to the young women and girls for whom, for the last three years, a special programme has been prepared. This year it was prepared by Miss Jessie Macpherson, National Girls' Work Secretary, and not only was it widely used in Canada, but permission was asked and gladly given for it to be used in the United States. An interesting letter has come from a Mission School in San Juan, Porto Rico, saying they found this Girls' service for the Day of Prayer most suitable for use among their girls.

Our Treasurer last year received 871 letters enclosing offerings; this year she has had 1,057. In these letters wonderful references were made to the meetings, and especially to the amazing number of girls' organizations which observed this day.

The collections sent in the letters totalled for the provinces as follows: Alberta, $146.32; British Columbia, $389.83; Manitoba, $367.16; Maritimes, $343.81; Ontario, $3,300.75; Quebec $271.88; Saskatchewan, $242.25. Total, $5,062.00. Manitoba and Quebec increased their offerings this year; in the other provinces there were slight decreases, making a total decrease of about $300.00 from the total of 1932. But that this total of over $5,000 is an amazing one for this year all will agree.

It will be a joy to all who helped by their gifts that the Committee were able again to make generous allocations to the causes in which all our Boards are interested:—

Christian literature for China, $300; Christian literature for Japan, $300; Kingdom of God Movement, Japan, $500; Christian literature for Korea, $200; Committee Christian Literature for Women and Children, $400; Christian literature for Moslems, $300; Christian literature for Africa, $500; Christian literature for India, $500; Canadian School of Missions, $400; Interdenominational Leper Mission, $200; British and Foreign Bible Society, Canada, $300; Christian Literature Society, Shanghai, $200; Upper Canada Tract Society, $200; International Committee Jewish Christian Literature, $300. Total, $4,600.

Below we give the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, as at present constituted:—

Anglican.—Mrs. D. B. Donaldson, 7 McMaster Ave., Toronto, Chairman; Mrs. R. A. Robinson, 173 Lowther Ave., Toronto; Miss Helen Cattanach, 68 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto.

Baptist.—Miss J. M. Norton, 50 Howland Ave., Toronto, Secretary; Mrs. E. M. Trotter, 84 Summerhill Ave., Toronto; Miss E. R. Whiteside, 128 Collier St., Toronto.

Disciples.—Mrs. T. R. Wellwood, 2016 Davenport Rd., Toronto; Mrs. J. E. Hambly, 62 Rosemount Ave., Toronto; Mrs. D. S. Royce, 1529 Bathurst St., Toronto.

Presbyterian.—Miss B. MacMurchy, 122 South Drive, Toronto, Treasurer; Mrs. Daniel Strachan, 12 Meredith Cres., Toronto; Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, 169 Balmoral Ave., Toronto.

United Church.—Mrs. W. T. Gunn, 33 Victor Ave., Toronto; Miss Winifred Thomas, 413 Wesley Buildings, Toronto; Mrs. G. D. Atkinson, 35 Admiral Road, Toronto.

For Our Encouragement

This cheering message is from Rev. W. L. Atkinson, of Kenora, Ontario

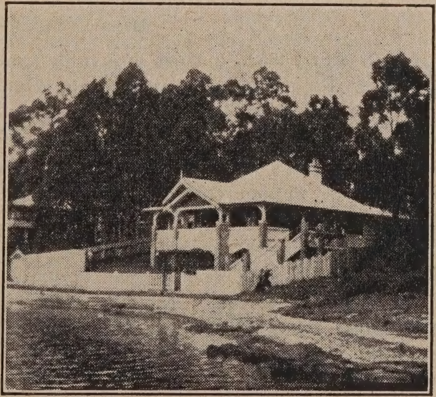
EASTER Sunday was another red letter day at "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School. Our quarterly Communion Service with the Indian children was held on that day. The band led the singing. These quarterly services are now a part of our ministry to the School and we all feel that they are finding a very deep rooting in the lives of our Indian children.

At this last service we had the parents of one child, and the father expressed his intention of being baptized in the near future. We feel that there is going to be a revival amongst the adult Indians in the near future. I have noticed that their attitude toward our work with the children has changed during the past year, they are becoming quite sympathetic; the influence of the children on the parents is being felt.

We are looking forward to some efforts for advancement in the work during the Treaties, soon to start, in the form of service on the Reserves with different bands. I believe it will not be long until the Church will have some religious leaders amongst the boys and girls now attending the School. The Principal is very wise in preparing leaders of groups in the Sunday School work. Naturally such leaders will step up to being leaders in evangelistic work on the Reserve. To me, this work is most hopeful and full of deep interest. The longer one is associated with the Indian work the more he is drawn to it.

A Girls' Auxiliary Camp, Toronto, New South Wales

"TORONTO—our Toronto, is about 100 miles from Sydney, 25 miles from Newcastle, and is on Lake Macquarie. The lake is 600 miles round the shore line. Right across the lake from Toronto, the great Pacific Ocean has an entrance. Toronto means 'place of meeting.' Perhaps owing to the meeting of the waters, it is called Toronto, or perhaps it resembles Toronto, Canada, or because it is near the great coal fields. Newcastle is the port from which great ships carry coal to all parts of the world. At Toronto live retired mine owners, merchants, doctors, etc. I really think there is no more beautiful spot in the world, unless it be Toronto, Canada.



"The Anchorage," Toronto, New South Wales.

We were fortunate to secure a large house at this beautiful place and in the last week-end of October, we held camp here. The house is called 'The Anchorage' and here twenty-four all time campers, representing ten circles, were present.

The Camp was organized to bring members together, to understand each other better, to understand the great work for Missions, to study the Word and seek fellowship with the Master. The textbook used for study was 'The Supreme Quest,' by Rev. F. Paton, M.A. There were three study circles, and those times of discussion and heart to heart talks were very precious and the leaders have reason to believe that it was well worth while their preparation.

Morning Devotions were held at 7.45, Leaders' Prayer Circle at 8.45 and Study Circles from 9 to 10 a.m. The Camp hymn is 'Dear Lord and Father of Mankind.' Recreation included a launch trip and, in the evening, an impromptu concert.

Sunday brought a beautiful Church service and the evening closed with the singing of favorite hymns and psalms, a time of prayer, then a little talk on 'What should be the ambition of my life—my personal life, my Church life, my social life.'

Monday came the last study circle, camp impressions, recreation, and an earnest closing message from the Camp Mother.''

NOTE.—The foregoing information, which we feel sure will be of special interest to Toronto girls, was obtained from a personal letter, and an article in *Ministering Women* the official magazine of the Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church of Australia.—EDITOR.

A Camp Reunion

MISS LYLE HYDE

ON April 20th, a most enjoyable and profitable evening was spent at First Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, when 116 girls and leaders gathered together, some to renew friendships made at the 1932 camp, others eager to learn, if possible, the magic that gripped and held such friendships between the girls who had ventured forth in 1932 to explore the hidden treasures God has placed within the reach of all true seekers.

The opening hymn heralded the meaning when the girls all joined heartily in singing one of the favorite camp hymns— ''More about Jesus would I know.'' A short prayer was made by Mrs. Hutchison, Provincial President of the W.M.S., Mrs. MacKenzie, our dearly loved Grandmother sent regrets for her absence, a number of camp songs were sung, and then the evening was turned over to our much loved Camp Directress, better known as the ''Night Watchman'', Mrs. H. M. Coulter, who along with the girls that had been in camp re-enacted a day's programme winding up with the usual camp fire and a bed time snack. While the embers of the fire still glowed ''The Explorers of 1932'' felt they could not let Mrs. Coulter leave their midst without some tangible expression of their regard for her, so Miss Mamie Todd in a few well chosen words expressed the thoughts of each girl, and Miriam Connell, the youngest camp member, on behalf of the girls presented Mrs. Coulter with a fountain pen. Thus a fitting climax was constituted to an evening of pleasant memories and the desire on the part of the girls that this year will also bring the joys of camping once again.

A Call From Manchuria

ALLAN REOCH

SOMETIMES friends ask how they can be of service in the work. Here are a few suggestions that might be helpful to leaders of Mission Bands and Societies.

1. We use a great many pictures as prizes for memorizing Golden Texts at the end of each quarter and for the repeating of the whole year's Golden Texts on the last Sunday of the year. Bible pictures cut off calendars, or colored pictures out of magazines, etc., can be either pasted or sewn onto thin cardboard and a coloured ribbon pasted at the top to hang the picture up with. This makes a good prize.

2. Scrap books made out of pictures of all kinds from magazines, etc., pasted on drawing books are given away as prizes for memorizing larger portions of Scripture. Even pictures for this purpose not already pasted in books would be welcome.

3. Pin and needle cases make good prizes for the women and girls. These are made by inserting a piece of cloth (flannelette) inside a Christmas card. Put a few pins and needles in the flannelette.

4. Christmas cards, used or unused post-cards, old Sunday School cards in any number are valuable in the work. Paste a plain sheet of paper over the English writing on the back so a Chinese teacher can write a Scripture verse on the back of the post card.

5. Pictures out of discarded National Geographic Magazines, etc., are very much prized.

6. Old Sunday School Bible scrolls are an excellent help.

Any parcels should be addressed to me at Taonan, Manchuria, via Japan. Do not address it to Taonan, Manchuria, **China**, as Manchuria is not recognized as part of China by the powers that be and that might cause the mail to be stranded in Shanghai.

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

BOOKS may be used for two purposes during the vacation months. For programme ideas for the coming season, or for informative reading. If a few books are required for either of these purposes, we shall be glad to advise or help to fill the needs of members in any way.

New Free Leaflet

One new leaflet is ready for distribution. It is an address to be used or adapted for the presentation of Life Membership Certificates. This has been written in reply to many requests, and one copy will go forward free, with each Life Membership Certificate.

BUILDING ON SAND, from the pen of Malcolm Spencer, M.A., comes from the Student Christian Press of England. This is a frankly written book on the economic problems of to-day and deals with them in a simple and sensible manner. It is an excellent book for leaders and speakers. Price in paper, 35c.

TO-DAY'S YOUTH AND TOMORROW'S WORLD is the title of Stanley High's new book, and it is all the title promises. This direct American writer, who is dealing with the missionary question so vividly, has produced a book good for the mature members to read, as well as containing a good many sane ideas for the youth of the land, who will in turn tackle the great problem of Christianizing the world. Cloth $1.25, paper 85c per copy.

OUR LETTER BOX

Beautiful India

Amkhut.

I HAD a very nice rest and vacation in Darjeeling. Each day I read two hours with the pandit. I find conversation much easier this year and hope to be able to teach the older girls of the school the care of babies and some simple things about home nursing. As far as my work is concerned I think it agrees with me, for I feel well physically, and do not mind losing sleep, the babies and children are worth it anyway. I have such a nice place to work in, which makes it easier. Also I will have one of our own Amkhut girls to help me.

On the way up to Darjeeling we stoppped in Agra for a day, and saw the famous Taj Mahal and the Fort. Spent a day between Benares and Sarnath, the first named is the holy city of the Hindus, the latter contains the ruins of the temple in which Buddha first preached his doctrine in India. We found the latter place intensely interesting. It dates back to 400 or 500 B.C. We spent a day in Calcutta, then proceeded another 500 miles to Siliguri where we went by the small Himalayan train or by motor the sixty miles to Darjeeling.

The snows are beautiful as seen from Darjeeling. The second highest peak in the world is only fifty miles away. I could see Kinchenjunga from my bedroom window. We saw the sunrise on Mt. Everest, 12,000 ft. above sea level, which is in Tibet, and 107 miles away, also at Sandakfu to which ten of our household hiked, about thirty-seven miles from Darjeeling, we saw Everest again at sunset, one of the loveliest sunsets I have ever seen, with the rainbow colors on the clouds and snow, fields and fields of it, and the valley wrapped in a purple and mauve mist. We have beautiful sunsets in the Himalayas.

I came down the hill by train, my it was hot! I planned to see the sights in Calcutta, but the few days I was there I was thankful to sit under the electric fan most of the time. I had company as far as Calcutta, but had to come the thousand miles up to Landour by myself. It took two nights and a day. How I hated coming up after going down, I would have preferred heading straight for Amkhut. We passed through a number of very interesting looking places. I intended stopping over a few hours in Lucknow but as the temperature was 115° there I decided to keep on the train. —*Mildred Soutar.*

British Guiana

"WE have been fortunate in receiving many messages of remembrance from friends in both eastern and western Canada, and several delightful boxes and parcels arrived in good time for Christmas. We would like to thank all those who have contributed and who have not received a personal letter, for their kind assistance in bringing joy and gladness to many of our little ones—their mothers and older sisters and brothers, too. For these, second-hand garments are a great boon, for times are hard; the poor laborers, men, women, boys and girls are in distress for working clothes, not to mention a decent Sunday garment. The price of rice brings so little profit that the East Indians are scarcely able to purchase their scrap of food, and have nothing left for clothing when land rent and harvest dues are paid. So they are glad of any old clothes to change from the soaking wet garments when they return from the job of rice planting, which means a whole day in water up to their knees with probable rain storms several times a day. We see them returning between 5 and 6 p.m. soaked to the skin.

The hospitals are usually full at this time with cases of fever and pneumonia—the result of continuous wetting. Yet it is the only work to be got on the estates in general, for so few sugar estates are left. All but one in Essequebo have been sold to rice planters.

During the holiday season I had quite a batch of patients. One of the maids scalded her arm and did not tell me until it was septic. That meant treatment every four hours. Miss Aird, who was spending Christmas with me, decided to have a cold in her ears and needed warm oil and syringing. Then our dog became troubled with his ears after swimming in the sea. He was a very good patient. Finally, Ruth Gawahir returned to me for a few days and we discovered her feet in a bad state from 'jiggers'—a type of sand flea, living where sand is not exposed to the full rays of the sun in dry weather, usually under houses. It is possible to keep them down by spraying with water or weak Condys' in such places. Poor Ruth almost lost two toes but, fortunately, regular treatment is soon going to put her right again.

Some new and energetic workers are sadly needed if the Mission is to ever stand on its own feet, for the two men on the field have spent the best years of their lives in working up a group of Christians in each of 75 villages or more throughout the colony—all owning allegiance to the Canadian Mission.''—*Ethel R. Fisher.*

Red Deer, Alta.

"DURING March and April there were many outstanding events. The most important was the Alberta Provincial in Edmonton. I did enjoy hearing Dr. Jessie MacBean. Then, too, there was the inspiration of meeting the members of the Provincial and Presbyterial Executives.

Since my last report, a Ladies' Aid Society has been formed at Grassy Lake. Already they have completed a quilt for relief work.

The Girls' Groups at Willowdale and Hill End and the Ladies' Aid at Valley Centre each had a lantern slide lecture in April. We rented a lantern from the Extension Department of the University of Alberta and procured the slides on Formosa from Mrs. Carmichael, of Carstairs. By having the lecture in the three different districts the expenses for each Society were not very large. We had a great deal of fun over the lantern. It was necessary to borrow a battery in each district to supply the power for the lantern. In the first district, everything worked fine but in the second the battery went 'dead' on the 62nd slide. How glad we were that there were only 63 slides! At the third lecture the battery was very weak and gave little light. The owner put it back in his car, connected it with wires through the window to the lantern, started the engine, and we went merrily on with the lecture.

Our Young People's Society had a special missionary night and Rev. H. Jack, Red Deer, gave a fine address.

During March and April, 458 miles were covered—this does not include the trip to Edmonton—40 calls were made, and 11 Mission Bands, 8 Girls' Groups, 4 Y.P.S. and 7 Ladies' Aid meetings were held. Two addresses were given, one at Willowdale Church, the other at the Provincial, in Edmonton.

For getting about this summer I am using a team instead of a single horse. I found travelling with one horse was so slow that I was spending most of my time on the road. I am hoping that sometime I shall be able to buy a car so that my work may be carried on more efficiently. Until that time I shall have to be content with horses.

It is always a marvel to me how some of these people are facing these 'testing times.' The other day I had dinner in a home where circumstances are particularly trying, but where Christ is a guest, honored and revered by the two elderly occupants. When we were clearing away the dishes the dear old lady said with pride, 'Do you know, Miss Matthews, everything we have had to-day for dinner, with the exception of sugar, salt and pepper, has been produced on our own little ten-acre farm.' The 'so-called coffee' had even been home grown. It was made of wheat which had been ground, mixed with syrup and dried in the oven. It tasted good too. The woman was not sitting down bemoaning her fate but thanking God for health and strength to carry on in the face of heavy odds.

In going about my work, visiting here and there, I, too, glean inspiration and courage, and the sometimes arduous tasks which confront me are turned to works of joy and pleasure. Each day brings something new about which to be happy in Christ's service.'' —*Frieda E. Matthews.*

Canadian Chinese Friends

Canton, China.

''ONE of our little Montreal pupils, Rosie Yip, is living in Hong Kong. She and her sister, Mary, came to see me in Hong Kong when I was down in the hospital, in March.

Another little pupil, Edna Chan, is living with her mother and sisters here in Canton, in the eastern suburb, where many ''returned'' Chinese live. I see them quite often. Last Sunday Helen Hong (of Brockville) who was with me for the week-end, and I went out to the Baptist Church there to a special service. We called for Fanny Chan, Edna's sister and all went together. Edna and Mamie go to the Baptist Sunday School. It is really the most attractive and best for them. It is a very live, self-supporting congregation of some 1,600 members, and they have very fine Sunday School and Young People's work. Their pastor is a very spiritual Chinese man. Mamie's Sunday School teacher, an American born Chinese girl, a very earnest Christian, told me Mamie wanted to be baptized last month, but her mother urged her to wait for her father's consent. Another boy, Frank Yip, Rosie's nephew (older than herself) who goes to the Baptist Boarding School, was baptized at the Easter service. I was so glad to hear it. I used to visit his mother at Longueuil, Quebec.

On Tuesday, Fanny Chan went with me to call on three Chinese families out there—one, a man whom I knew at the Y.M.C.I., in Montreal, another family from Calgary, also Christians, and a young man from Fort William, whose mother lives with him. Some day soon I am going to have a 'party' for a lot of these Canadian Chinese friends.

Helen Hong loves to come over. She does not live far away. She is busy studying so is not free during the week. She comes to the English service which is held every Sunday evening in Shameen Church, that is the

British Concession here. She seems very much at home with all of us missionaries as she was brought up in Brockville, under Miss Davies' care. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, Brockville. She calls me (rather ostentatiously) 'Auntie' and I quite like it. Her brother, Henry, comes with her to Shameen Church and they both seem to love to be at an English service. The missionaries (men) take turns at preaching.

A Hak Ka girl who lived with me for several months at Shek Lung and who has been at school for two years, preparing to do Bible woman's work, is at Toai Fan this term, doing practise work, helping in the day school, the Sunday School and in women's work. I saw her last month at Shek Lung and she is so happy. In September she will go back to Bible School. It is a good plan to have them do work like this, in between, rather than stay all the time at school until they graduate.''

—*Ethel Reid Burkwall.*

Winnipeg, Man.

"MOTHER and daughter banquets form the main topic for discussion these days, and the Deaconess is invited to them all. Girls' work is certainly increasing in enthusiasm in Winnipeg, largely due, I believe, to having had a camp last summer.

I spend quite a lot of time at Elmwood visiting, etc., as they have no minister. We have a splendid Mission Band there, about 55 in regular attendance, and in March we started a mothers' meeting, which is becoming very popular.

The Overseas Girls' Friendly Club is still going ahead, and we have had some splendid meetings recently. For this week's meeting we are planning a programme in honor of our mothers, and the mothers who are in the Old Country will be represented by friends here.''

—*Mamie Todd.*

Pouce Coupe, B.C.

"WE had one week of beautiful weather or rather the inside of one week, and we were able to go around for the first time in seven months without putting on rubbers or overshoes. Then last Saturday it started to rain and it continued for three days and now the roads are terrible again.

I don't believe I have written you about our Good Friday service. It was just when the roads were at their worst. Mr. Wright came up and asked Mr. Macrae to help him if we had Communion, and I had planned a musical part of the service. There were seven or eight of us to go out so they gave us a big sleigh, with four up (are you farmer enough to know that means four horses?) and a driver. It was a slow trip because the horses had to walk all the way and about every other step we thought we would upset. Almost everyone was out to Church.

The girls sang, although it was the first time they had attempted parts. Then the little children sang 'Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam,' and they did it beautifully. A visitor from Vancouver played the violin, and we all had the feeling that we could sit and listen to it forever. Mr. Wright gave us the message and Miss Menzies sang, ''There is a Green Hill Far Away.'' I think the strains of the music and the message will always linger in that little church. It was a fine preparation for our Easter Sunday worship.

The sun is trying hard to shine and if it succeeds there ought to be a bumper crop this year.'' —*Hazel Macdonald.*

A Missionary Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, we come before Thee to seek Thy blessing on the endeavor we are making to further the cause and kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in far-off lands, and also in the homeland. Help us to realize the wonderful privilege we have in this land of Gospel light and liberty, to do our part, however small, in building up Thy glorious Kingdom. Oh send out Thy light and Thy truth to those living in darkness, that their eyes may see the ''King in His beauty.'' Strengthen and uphold our missionaries in all that they undertake for Thee. We especially pray at this time for India. Pour out Thy richest blessing on Dr. Buchanan and his helpers in the Bhil field. May the sunshine of Thy Holy Spirit enter the hearts of the needy souls to whom they minister in holy things, awakening them to new life and hope and joy in the Holy Ghost. In blessing, remember also Thy workers in other parts of India and also in China, Formosa, Japan, British Guiana and wherever our missionaries are spreading the Glad Tidings ''which shall be to all people.'' We pray Thee to bless the Gospel message in our own land. May Thy blessing rest on all mission stations, hospitals, School Residences and schools in New Ontario, Quebec, the middle West, and the far West where our pioneer workers are pressing on in the face of difficulties to provide Gospel services and help, to scattered settlers in the frontiers of our land. Revive Thy work, O Lord, everywhere, send refreshing showers of Thy Grace upon us all we beseech Thee, that Thy Word may have free course and be glorified. And hasten the glorious appearing of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to whom be glory for ever. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

GRADUATION DAYS

Faith be the lamp that lights your way,
Hope be the star to guide you;
Love be your guardian day by day,
Ever to stand beside you.

ANOTHER school and college year has ended. Graduation day makes the heart beat faster as we realize one more milestone in life's pilgrimage is passed. The hopes and fears of future generations are in the lives of all these graduates. Many of us are the under graduates on this same pilgrimage along life's highway. There are many Halls of Learning along the way, Kindness, Loyalty, Sincerity, Obedience, Truth, these are the names we find above the portals of each doorway. The path is wide as we, the rich and poor of all nations, travel on side by side. The only degree here is Love and all of us, have the same promise that they who use their talents to the glory of their Creator shall surely receive the greatest of all rewards.

The lure of the open road calls to us, now that it is summertime. As we go our separate ways this holiday season, may I wish for each one of you—good health, much happiness and a renewal of spirit for the task which awaits your return. —*F. D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

THE MAP CONTEST

O. Mary Hill

"WHAT are all these?" asked the delegates, crowding around the front of the room on the last morning of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting. "These" were the entries in the Map Contest for Girls' Groups, and a brave showing they made, calling forth much favorable comment. One group, from St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, was praised for its ingenuity; they had constructed a lovely map out of an old window blind! Nearly every group had used the W.M.S. map as a basis for their work, but added to it in various ways. Some had attached little booklets, giving detailed information about the different phases of the work; while a Senior group from Dufferin Church, Toronto, decorated their map with tiny pen and ink sketches—Dr. Margaret Strang on horseback, a deaconess greeting newcomers, etc.—but unfortunately, the sketches could be appreciated only when viewed very closely. From Gordon Church, New Westminster, came an entry that included our overseas workers; from the shores of both Atlantic and Pacific liners were setting sail, bearing well-known missionaries.

After much discussion the Junior prize went to the ''Young Mariners'' group of Dufferin Church, Toronto, and the Senior to the ''True Blue'' group of Gorge Church, Victoria. The ''Young Mariners'' marked the mission stations by gay little Union Jacks, and underneath each flag was a tiny booklet telling of the work. The Senior prizewinner had great artistic value; made of white cardboard, it boasted gaily colored pennants, one color signifying Indian residential schools, another, hospitals, another school residences, etc. At the top of the map were printed the names and stations of the W.M.S. workers across Canada.

"True Blue" C.G.I.T. Group, Gorge Church, Victoria, B.C.

We congratulate not only the prizewinners, but all those who entered the contest, on their splendid work. If your group did not send in a map, resolve now that you will enter the contest next year. Watch this page for further announcements!

A GIRLS' CAMP IN AUSTRALIA

The following letter was received from Miss Mary Robertson, International Correspondence Secretary, Gladesville, New South Wales, by Miss Muriel Gray, our Girls' Organization Secretary.

DURING the year we had our first Girls' Auxiliary Camp, it was held at the "Eight Hour" week-end, and we spent it at Toronto, Lake MacQuarie, a few hours' journey from Sydney. The camp was a wonderful success and we hope to make it a yearly affair.

Each Circle during the year has one special effort which takes the form of an Indian Evening, or Exhibition or Social Evening, sometimes a Play; it is very interesting to see and hear all the new ideas.

This year my own Circle hope to do a Play entitled "Semper Eadem" so I am very busy with it. It is very hard to get costumes for any work of this kind so we have to set to and make them. We were very fortunate in having a friend, a Chinese lady, who has kindly given us five Chinese costumes of her own and I am sure it will make our Chinese scene very real.

I shall be glad to hear from you sometime; at every Executive meeting all letters from abroad are read and every one is so delighted to hear them.

OF INTEREST TO GIRLS

A NEW idea has come from British Columbia, which other provinces might like to follow. It is:

A Presbyterian Girls' Stay-at-Home Camp

It was arranged by the Synod's Committee and the Girls' Leaders Council, and is intended for all 'teen age girls.

It will be held from July 4th to 14th, at Central Church, Vancouver. The registration fee is 25c. The programme includes: Bible study, Church History, Missionary study, Singing and Dramatics, Handiwork, Canadian Authors and Poets.

Afternoons at Third Beach will be spent in: Naturelore, Campcraft, Athletics, Swimming. July 12th will be Visitor's Day.

What to bring: Bible, note-book, pencil, running shoes, bathing suit, towels.

The Camp Director is Miss Ruby P. Blyth, and the Registrar, Miss Flora McMillan. There also will be experienced leaders.

Your special attention is drawn to the Home and Overseas activities found in the letters from Miss Matthews of Red Deer, and Mrs. Burkwall, of Canton, China, in this month's "Letter-box."

MISSION BANDS

THE MISCHIEVOUS SUNBEAM

MRS. A. R. RIDDELL

BETTY was lying in the hammock for she wanted to think. She had been at Mission Band and Miss Graham had told the girls that as well as supporting Miss Soutar and the ''M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home,'' at Amkhut, all year, their Mission Band pennies supported the entire work of our Women's Missionary Society for twelve days in the year. Those twelve days were to be the first day of every month.

''To-morrow is the first of August,'' thought Betty. ''Oh dear, if I could only see some of the things our pennies are doing!'' Betty closed her eyes for she was very sleepy, and a mischievous little sunbeam kept coming through the leaves of the tree and shining right on her face.

The sunbeam winked. ''Hello Betty,'' it said, ''How would you like to come with me and see some of the things your Mission Band pennies are doing?''

''I would love to,'' said Betty.

''All right, come along,'' said the sunbeam, ''for it is already the first of August in Japan.''

Suddenly, to Betty's surprise, she was standing in a hot narrow Japanese street. There were lots of people about, men in coolie coats and big hats, women with straight, black hair and almond eyes.

''Peek in this window as I do,'' said the sunbeam.

Betty looked and saw a room full of little Korean children in a kindergarten. They were marching just as our Canadian boys and girls do. Betty saw the mischievous sunbeam shine on a little boy's nose so hard that he had to wriggle it and rub it and, finally, sneeze. He got out of step and the teacher sent him to the end of the line.

''You know, Betty,'' said the sunbeam, ''if it were not for your W.M.S. those children would have no place to play but in this hot dirty street, and would never go to school, for their parents are very poor, and they would never hear of Jesus.

Quickly the scene changed. Betty stood among lovely trees and flowers and there were some nice buildings and a Church near by. ''Where am I now?'' she said.

''You are in beautiful Formosa,'' the sunbeam answered. ''Come with me and look in the window of the Church for I think the Mission Band is meeting.''

Betty looked and saw between fifty or sixty little Formosan children and though she couldn't make out a word she thought that they were singing "Jesus Loves Me."

"Did you know, Betty," the sunbeam said, "sixty years ago there was not a Christian on this Island?"

Another swift change and they were both in China. "I have a surprise for you," the sunbeam whispered in Betty's ear. "Look in this window of the 'Hackett Medical College.' There is Dr. Jessie MacBean with a tiny baby in her arms. That wee baby was just born a few hours ago on your Mission Band day."

And now Betty and the sunbeam flew to India. First they both looked into a class room where the girls were having a lesson in arithmetic. It was very hot outside but how cool they all looked in their white saris. "This is the 'Helen Macdonald Memorial School,' at Jhansi," said the sunbeam. "Miss Stringer is the teacher." "That tall girl in the corner is the head of the class, she hopes to be a Bible woman, nurse or teacher when she grows up."

"Come with me now, Betty, to your own 'M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home,' at Amkhut. There is a little girl there who was very ill when Miss Soutar took her but she is almost well again. Watch while I dance on the wall by her cot, see her try to catch me, look at her little hand following me and hear her merry laugh."

Suddenly Betty felt herself falling. "Goodbye," said the sunbeam.

"Can't I peek into some of our School Residences and Hospitals in Canada?" she said.

"Some other day," called the sunbeam from a very great distance.

The bump wakened Betty. She rubbed her eyes and looked up. There was the mischievous sunbeam smiling at her through the tree. A gentle breeze stirred the leaves. The sunbeam vanished.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

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RED DEER P.S.—The members of the affiliated C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's Church, Innisfail, were given a lecture on "First Aid" by a member of the R. N. of Red Deer. They had as their guests the C.G.I.T. Group and leader, of the United Church.

The W.M.S. of Knox Church, Red Deer, at their May meeting, entertained the members of the St. Andrew's W.M.S., of Innisfail, and members of their own congregation who do not belong to the Auxiliary. Miss Frieda Matthews, deaconess in the Red Deer Presbytery, was the speaker, giving much information of the work and needs of the work of her field of 200 square miles.

The "Silver Star" Mission Band held a tea and sale of candy in April, realizing the sum of $11.00.

Calgary P.S. Executive reports a very good attendance at their May meeting with Secretaries bringing most encouraging reports. Mrs. R. L. Freeman opened a discussion on the confusing ideas in connection with our Literature and Library Secretaries, and thought the names as applied to these departments should be reversed. Two excellent papers were read, one by Miss Jean Oliver on the life of "Agnes Sorrel Forbes," showing the wonderful pioneer missionary work accomplished by this brave Christian woman and her husband in the Peace River country. The other paper, by Mrs. J. D. Gray, was on the "Marys and Marthas of our Church."

A very fine programme was provided by Group 4 of the Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary, at their monthly meeting in May. A very instructive paper on "Other Nationalities in Canada whom the Presbyterian Church Endeavors to Serve" was read by Mrs. Bradley. Mrs. Pippard sang "The Stranger of Galilee," and Mrs. (Rev.) McNeil of Grace Church, gave an interesting talk on her impressions of the Oxford Group House Party, which she had attended at Banff.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER P.S.—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, though small in numbers, is very much alive. In May, the Society joined the congregation in their mid-week service when Rev. R. G. MacBeth spoke on "Some Missionaries I Have Known." He dwelt particularly on the life of Dr. James Robertson, who did so much toward laying the foundation of the Presbyterian Church in Western Canada. Mrs. W. F. McLean, deaconess at large, took part in the meeting. The Mission Band, under the leadership of Mrs. McDowall, also assisted in the programme.

Kerrisdale Auxiliary held the annual Home Helpers meeting in May. Mrs. Wm. Shea, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, was the special speaker. Mrs. Winter led in the study of our mission to the Hungarians in Canada.

Mrs. Jas. Herd, Provincial President, and Mrs. W. H. MacInnes, Provincial Treasurer, were the representatives from British Columbia to the Enlarged Council Executive Meeting in Toronto.

Central Church Auxiliary, Vancouver, is sorry to report the loss of a valued member in the person of Miss Margaret McIlwaine, Provincial Literature Secretary. Miss McIlwaine in her younger days was associated with Miss Lucy Baker in her work among the Indians.

At the Easter Thank-offering meeting of Robertson Church Auxiliary.

Vancouver, excellent reports were given by the different circle Secretaries. Miss Ruth Yeandle was the guest speaker of the afternoon, and spoke of her work among the Chinese in Vancouver.

The Presbyterian Mission Band Leaders' Council of Vancouver held its May meeting at the home of Mrs. George Ledingham. Mrs. Thomas Deas, President, presided. Mrs. Angus Mackenzie, former Mission Band Secretary for Westminster Presbyterial, was made Honorary President. Mrs. F. G. Fowler, newly appointed Secretary of Mission Bands, spoke briefly. Miss R. Blyth, Sunday School worker for the Province, and Mrs. Kirk, Mission Band leader of Salmon Arm, were guests.

Kamloops–Okanagan P.S.—A number of Hungarians were invited to the April meeting of Penticton Auxiliary. They sang some of their native hymns. The chapter from the study book telling of the Hungarian work was read. At the close of the meeting tasty refreshments, which had been prepared in the native way, were served by the Hungarian visitors.

Kootenay P.S. annual meeting was held in St. Stephen's Church, Creston. The President's address and departmental records occupied the morning session. Greetings were received from the Provincial President, the Presbytery and Session. The officers were installed by Mr. Smith, student pastor. At the public evening meeting greetings were brought from sister Societies; a splendid address was given by Mr. Smith.

Creston Auxiliary is hoping for a better year in 1933, their meetings are well attended and the interest is sincere. Each member takes a part in the programme. The World Day of Prayer was held in the United Church and was well attended by all denominations. A C.G.I.T. Group has been organized and is under the leadership of Mrs. Roebuck.

Victoria P.S.—All Auxiliaries are well started on the year's work, the common objective is, increased membership in all branches of the service. There are 4 new Mission Bands, and two Associate Societies have become Auxiliaries. In the 10 Presbyterian centres on Vancouver Island there are now 10 Auxiliaries and 11 Mission Bands, with exceptional leaders. Port Alberni has both senior and junior Bands and besides is doing notable work in the Sunday School. They are looking forward to having a new Church building and are showing that although the smallest station they are not least in good works. St. Paul's, Victoria, has the only Junior Auxiliary, and has reason to be proud of the promising group of girls which form it.

Under the auspices of the Young Women's Missionary Society of St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, a joint meeting of that Society and the W.M.S. was held. Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, President of the W.M.S., introduced Mrs. G. H. Firth, President of the Y.W.M.S. The feature of the evening was a most interesting talk by Mrs. R. C. Donald, of Toronto, Finance Secretary of the W.M.S.

Westminster P.S.—The Y.W.M.S. of Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, held a delightful gathering at the home of Miss P. McDonald. The President, Mrs. A. Wilson, presided, and a spirit of deep devotion pervaded the meeting, which was well attended. Interesting reports were received from the delegates to the Provincial Meeting. A novel feature was adopted with the idea of getting better acquainted with our missionaries on active service. This took the form of question-games, and contests, and contributed much to the enjoyment.

A successful 'Teen-age Girls' rally, arranged by the Presbyterian Girls' Leaders Council, was held in Central Church Hall, Vancouver, in April. Supper was served at 5.30 p.m., followed by a peppy sing-song led by Miss C. Diffin and Miss F. McMillan. The girls then joined heartily in the group games conducted by Miss M. Harvie. Miss H. Boutillier brought forward the findings of the group discussion on ''The wise use of leisure time.'' West Point Grey Group under Miss McGowan presented an Easter pageant. The happy evening came to a close with a vesper service conducted by Miss R. Blyth.

A Young Women's Auxiliary has been organized in St. Andrew's Church, New Westminster, making a total of 7 in the Presbyterial.

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BRANDON P.S.—The Brandon W.M.S. had the opportunity, at their Easter meeting, of hearing Mrs. Coulter speak before her departure for Brampton. The members feel they are losing a true friend, one who gave them a message to carry through life.

Superior P.S.—St. Andrew's Church C.G.I.T., Fort William, closed their season's work with a mother and daughter banquet. There was an attendance of about 200. A splendid programme was arranged. Plans were made for a camp at Sunshine Beach the last week in July with Miss Hislop as directress. First Presbyterian Church held their annual mother and daughter banquet. The programme was interesting and Rev. P. Cundy was the speaker.

''Sunbeam'' Mission Band closed their year with a tea party, when over 60 were present.

First Church C.G.I.T., Port Arthur, held a mother and daughter evening. The young people put on a programme and entertained the mothers to tea.

Winnipeg P.S.—The Thank-offering meeting of the W.M.S. of First Church, Winnipeg, was well attended. The President presided, and Rev. W. Gordon Maclean conducted the devotions. Dr. Jessie MacBean, our beloved missionary from South China, gave an instructive and inspiring account of her early experiences and of the many difficulties overcome, in her missionary work in South China. All felt it was a great honor to have Dr. MacBean in our midst once more.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the ''True Light'' Mission Band of Calvin Church, Winnipeg, a splendid programme was presented by the members. The speakers were Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Provincial President, Mrs. W. J. Martin, Presbyterial President, and Mrs. J. S. Flook. Enjoyable lantern slides were shown, the subject being ''The Little Brown Brother.''

The ''Golden Sheaf'' Mission Band, of First Church, Winnipeg, held their Thank-offering meeting in May. The President, Miss Marion Campbell, presided. The children gave a delightful programme under the guidance of the Superintendent, Mrs. Douglas Ross. Miss Dorothy Jenkinson, East Selkirk, gave an interesting address on each one ''Letting Her Light Shine for Jesus.'' There was a large attendance of parents and friends. The Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. J. Martin presided at the tea which followed.

St. James W.M.S., Winnipeg, held a Thank-offering meeting and reception for Home Helper members in May. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Provincial President, offered the Thank-offering prayer. Two members of the Mission Band conducted the devotional exercises, while younger members of the Band gave a dialogue, ''Christ and the Children.'' Mrs. G. W. Bradley and the ''Uneedus'' Girls' Guild sang ''The Stranger of Galilee.'' The guest speaker was Mrs. J. W. Cadwell, her subject being, ''Women of the Orient.'' The President, Mrs. H. Sinclair, and the pastor, Rev. J. H. Stewart, welcomed members and friends and expressed appreciation for the missionary spirit animating young and old.

The Girls' Guild of Kildonan Church held an enjoyable mother and daughter evening in May, in Nesbitt Hall. Mrs. Digby Wheeler was the guest speaker, her theme being ''Adventure.'' Mrs. Rathbone spoke on behalf of the mothers. The girls have become affiliated with the W.M.S. and a very pleasing part of the programme was a short address by Mrs. Anderson, President of Kildonan W.M.S., and the presenting of the certificate, which was received by the leader of the group.

ONTARIO

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MEMBERS going on holidays please leave your contributions with your Treasurer before you go. One dollar carries the work of the Society for three minutes. What a calamity if your indifference allows the great clock of the W.M.S. to lose time.

Finance.—The Treasurer sounds a warning note to Presbyterials to check up their remittances as compared with the same month last year. For the first four months of 1932 we sent to the General Treasurer

$25,800.00. For the same period in 1933 we have sent $23,600.00 or $2,200.00 less. This is the time to try to make up our allocation and not at the end of the year. It can be done.

The good news comes from Ottawa of another Honorary Membership certificate, presented by Miss Louise Park, of Kenmore, in memory of her brother, the late John A. Park. This is the sixth Honorary certificate presented by Miss Park, and is a gift to her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Murray, Comrie, Scotland.

The annual meeting of Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial was held in Walkerton, May 9th. Reports were encouraging. Miss Stringer brought a stirring message of the needs and accomplishments of the work in India. Mrs. K. B. Schroeder brought greetings from the Provincial Board and Miss P. B. Lamont addressed the evening meeting, thrilling her audience with the story of our work in the west. From Chatham comes word of the inspiration received from the address of Rev. Dr. DeMolnar, at their Easter meeting in Knox Church, Windsor. The ''Star'' Mission Band, of Leamington, reports a successful supper with visitors from all neighboring Churches, and Knox Auxiliary, Leamington, enjoyed an illustrated lecture on Tibet, by Rev. W. Ferguson, of Wardsville.

Glengarry Presbyterial met in St. John's Church, Cornwall, for their annual meeting, on May 17th, Mrs. McLeod presiding. Reports showed a successful year with added spiritual interest. In commemoration of fifty years of missionary endeavor in this district, Miss Jessie Copeland gave interesting reminiscences of the origin and growth of the Society. Greetings from Mrs. P. N. Tait, Mrs. R. Harkness, Miss C. Alguire, Mrs. B. MacMillan, Mrs. J. J. MacMillan, and Mrs. A. Morrison, all former Presidents, were received. A birthday cake with fifty candles graced the supper table, the C.G.I.T. girls performing the age old ceremony of blowing the candles and cutting the cake. The ''Light Bearers'' Mission Band presented a nursery rhyme pageant. Miss Annie Lee Whatling, from the Gwalior Mission, India, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Mason McLennan installed the officers and represented the Provincial Board.

Successful Mission Band rallies were held at Brantford and Woodstock, 11 Bands were represented and 300 were in attendance, 15 certificates, I gold seal and pins were presented. The ''Margaret Ramsay'' Band reached their allocation in March. Three little sisters (triplets) sang. Mrs. J. R. Hill, of Ottawa, was the special speaker.

Maitland Presbyterial met on May 9th at Brussels. Reports were good and showed increased membership in Mission Bands and Young Women's organizations. Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Toronto, Provincial President, was the speaker. An increased membership was the pledge for 1933.

The Robertson Auxiliary, of Knox Church, St. Catharines, celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary recently. A birthday cake with twenty-five candles occupied a place of honor. Mrs. Geo. H. Smith, Toronto, former chatelaine of Knox manse, and guest of honor, and Miss M. Parks, first President, and Mrs. J. J. MacLean, present President, were presented with corsage bouquets, Miss Parks giving an interesting résumé of the work done during the past twenty-five years. Of the 48 original members, two are Auxiliary officers to-day, two are Presbyterial officers, and two are members of our Council Executive, in Toronto. An ''In Memoriam'' in memory of Dr. Smith, former minister of Knox Church, was presented to Mrs. Smith, and a Life Membership to Mrs. S. K. Watts.

Peterborough held their annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, May 20th. Excellent reports were presented. Mrs. John Williams, Toronto, gave the address and brought greetings from the Provincial Board.

A grand rally of W.M.S. organizations was held in St. Paul's Church, Peterborough, during their week's celebration of their hundredth anniversary. Rev. F. G. Vesey, Toronto, Mrs. Wm. Allan, Toronto, and Mr. H. B. Cowan, of the Mission Committee were the special speakers. One hundred young people from Mission Band, C.G.I.T. and Y.W.A., all dressed in white, took part in a missionary pageant.

The annual meeting of Barrie Presbyterial was held in Alliston, May 30th, 31st. The President, Mrs. Swallow, spoke effectively of the ''Call and Challenge of the Work.'' Mrs. H. C. McKellar, Hamilton, and Mrs. J. H. Eaton, Orillia, brought messages of inspiration. A travelogue of the south, by Mrs. Leslie, was a feature of the May meeting in Allandale, when an offering in aid of supplies was received. The ladies of Thornbury-Clarksburg are busy raising funds for a Life Membership and making a special study of our national work. At the April meeting in Collingwood, an especially good address was given by Mrs. Clark on ''Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel.''

A large gathering of delegates and friends attended the annual meeting of Sarnia Presbyterial, held in Wyoming Church, May 19th. Large quantities of supplies and quilts for western relief were sent. There were five Life Members this year, and all branches of the work are flourishing. Miss Whatling was the speaker, with Mrs. John Williams, Provincial representative, giving a short address. Miss Vesta Gast, appointee to Birtle Indian Residential School, was introduced to the gathering.

The spring rally of Guelph Presbyterial took place in Preston, May 9th, Mrs. Davidson presiding, assisted by Miss MacRae, Past President. Miss MacMurchy, Toronto, gave an inspiring address on ''The Aims, Ideals, Past Attainments and Future Needs of the W.M.S.—The Greatest Society in the World.'' Appreciation of and benefits received from Miss Pelton's visits were reported.

Algoma Presbyterial met June 6th, in Westminster Church, Sault Ste. Marie. Encouraging reports were received. Miss Whatling was guest speaker.

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MONTREAL P.S.—Emphasis was placed on the importance of increasing the enrolment of young women and girls in the W.M.S. by delegates of the Quebec Provincial to the Enlarged Council Executive meeting held in Toronto recently. These gave reports at a special meeting of the Provincial Society held in Knox-Crescent Church, June 12, at which numerous Auxiliaries were represented.

Miss C. E. Cameron, Provincial President, described her impressions of the meeting, and Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, first Vice-President, gave a detailed report of the proceedings. Miss Laura K. Pelton, Field Secretary, spoke of the increasing enrolment and interest in young women's and girls' departments and in Mission Bands and stressed the importance of this phase of the activities.

Chinese Kindergarten Closing

The closing exercises of the Montreal Chinese Kindergarten were held on the afternoon of June 15th. There were 27 mothers present, as well as a large gathering of Canadian friends, and older brothers and sisters.

Rev. David Scott, of Knox-Crescent Church, filled the position of chairman and welcomed the guests. Words of greeting from the Montreal Presbyterial were brought by the President, Mrs. A. W. Pae, who also distributed the prizes.

The various items of the interesting programme were charmingly rendered by the little children, from the perfect repetition of Psalm 100 to the close of the entertainment. Special mention was made of the clear enunciation of the children, who could be distinctly heard by everyone.

The Mother Goose rhymes were presented by several children, in costume; though the sight of the audience she had to face frightened poor little Miss Muffett much more seriously than the ''big spider which sat down beside her,'' and rendered her absolutely speechless. One beautiful item was the singing of the ''Wonder Song'' by five little girls.

An innovation in the programme, were demonstrations of an English, and a Chinese, lesson, by Mrs. Herman and Miss Jue. The audience were particularly interested in watching the little tots writing Chinese sentences on the blackboards, from memory, and then reading them. One small boy who took part in English reading, knew only Chinese when he entered school, a year ago.

The outstanding item of the programme was the children's fancy drill entitled, ''The Apple Blossoms and the Bees.'' The bright dresses of the twelve little girls who carried the branches of gay blossoms, and the black and yellow bees who buzzed in and out among them, made a most pleasing picture.

Miss Dickson on behalf of Mrs. Herman, Miss Jue, and herself, thanked the parents and Canadian friends for their interest and co-operation, which was such a help in carrying on the work. She reported that the school had had an enrolment of 33, of whom only 8 were boys —13 boys and 3 girls passed on to public school in 1932, and 3 girls and one boy are going in September of this year. Several new children are to be enrolled in the autumn.

After the distribution of prizes, and the benediction, the delightful afternoon closed with refreshments, provided through the kindness of the Presbyterial.

Some one remarked that although the children were younger each year, the execution of the programme seemed to be increasingly skilful and charming.—*Agnes I. Dickson.*

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. E. G. D. MacEachern, 1934 Victoria Ave., Regina, Press Secretary

PRINCE ALBERT P.S.—Pleasure blended with work at the meeting of the Presbyterial in May, in St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert. Delegates were present from Tisdale, Melfort, Clouston, Mistawasis, Meath Park and Smeaton. The opening devotions were taken by Mrs. R. G. MacKay, Prince Albert, and Mrs. W. Moore, Mistawasis. Mrs. J. Hepburn, Jr., reported on sub-executive meetings held through the year, and Mrs. W. R. McLeod gave a synopsis of the work done in the different departments. The morning session closed with prayer by Mrs. W. E. Gladstone, Clouston. The reports showed there had been one new W.M.S. and one Y.W.A. organized in 1932.

The afternoon devotional session was conducted by Melfort Auxiliary. The President, Mrs. R. G. MacKay reviewed the work undertaken during the year, and stressed the splendid possibilities for missionary work in the Presbytery. Encouraging reports were presented by the Secretaries.

The delegates to the summer school, to be held in the Presbyterian Residence, Saskatoon, is to be chosen from Melfort this year.

The special speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. H. R. Horne, of Regina, Provincial President. She gave a very impressive message, and dedicated in prayer the new executive. Rev. Jas. Wilson, of Smeaton, closed the session with prayer. During the supper hour members of the ''Ephraim Scott'' Mission Band sang several choruses.

A very successful Easter pageant entitled, ''From the Gates of His Garden'' was presented by members of the ''Jas. Nisbet'' Auxiliary and ''Ephraim Scott'' Mission Band members in Prince Albert.

Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese work, addressed the "James Nisbet" Auxiliary, Prince Albert, at a special meeting.

Of special interest in this Presbyterial is the Gwalior Mission, Jhansi, India, where our representative, Miss E. McKechnie, is stationed. A long and interesting letter was received from her by the St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Tisdale, and read at their April meeting. The set of slides, "India and the Gwalior Field," has been shown to C.G.I.T. Groups, Mission Band, Y.W. organizations and Junior Sunday Schools in Prince Albert.

Rev. R. G. and Mrs. McKay, Prince Albert, visited the congregation of Mistawasis and slides were shown on India.

Following Mother's Day, the C.G.I.T. Groups of St. Paul's Church, Prince Albert, held a mother and daughter banquet.

Regina P.S.—The members of the Presbyterial, resident in Regina, entertained the Presbyterian young people from out of town at a party held at the home of Mrs. G. M. Bell, on May 15th. The guests included students of the Provincial Normal School, Scott and Central Collegiate, Balfour Technical School, Luther College, the nurses-in-training from the two hospitals and others employed in business. The Student Secretaries initiated this undertaking and it is hoped it will be an annual occurrence.

"Sunbeam" Mission Band, First Church, Regina, held an open meeting May 21st, when the parents and members of the Auxiliary were invited. The visitors were delighted with the dignified manner in which the children conducted the meeting.

Saskatoon P.S.—Chinese missions in Canada formed the topic of the interesting address given by Rev. D. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese missions at the regular meeting of Parkview W.M.S. This work was started 40 years ago with Dr. Winchester, Toronto, in charge. Mr. Smith's address gave a new insight into the great need for Christian workers and the good which can be accomplished among the Chinese in Canada.

At the April meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon, work among the Hungarians in Canada was taken up. In May Miss Grant, one of Saskatoon's workers among the Chinese, gave an interesting talk on Chinese work in Canada.

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South China	83.33
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India, Jhansi Field	95.00
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Exchange	17.90
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The Enlarged Council Executive Meeting

THE Enlarged Council Executive Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterial Church in Canada opened its sessions in the Canadian School of Missions, 97 St. George Street, Toronto, May 30th, and continued its deliberations until June 4th. Miss MacMurchy presided over this body for the first time since her election to the Presidency, and every member and delegate was in her place.

This was the year in which the Council should have been held, and for the sake of the far-away members to whom the inspiration of the larger gathering means so much, one regretted the change, but all were agreed that the necessity for rigid economy demanded it.

Besides the members of the Council Executive, resident in Toronto, there were in attendance: the President and one representative from each of the six Provincial Societies. From *Alberta*—Mrs. F. W. Allott, Calgary, and Mrs. MacMicking, Edmonton; *British Columbia*—Mrs. James Herd and Mrs. W. H. McInnis, Vancouver; *Manitoba*—Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Winnipeg, and Mrs. A. Shewan, Brandon; *Ontario*—Mrs. W. A. McLennan, and Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Toronto; *Quebec*—Miss C. E. Cameron, Westmount, and Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Outremont; *Saskatchewan*—Mrs. H. R. Horne, and Mrs. G. D. Ralston, Regina. In addition there were present 3 missionaries home on furlough—Dr. Jessie MacBean, Misses Stringer and Whatling, and the Field Secretaries, Misses Pelton and Lamont, and Miss O. Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary, and the Board of Trustees.

Ever mindful that God waits to hear and answer humble, believing prayer, and that He calls us to forward the accomplishments of His great purposes by our prayers, first thing each morning, in the beautiful tranquil chapel, we sought His help and guidance.

The meeting, which had Council powers, devoted itself exclusively to business. It reviewed the work, passed the estimates, and brought its best judgment to the solution of the problems which had to be faced.

Contrary to custom, this gathering was preceded and centered by two important public meetings—the first a Young Women's Rally, which was held in St. Andrew's Church, King Street, on the Monday evening, the second, a public missionary meeting on the Wednesday evening, at Calvin Presbyterian Church—both unforgettable events. And what a sight it was to see the Presbyterian Young Women gather! Every city Church was represented; numbers came from outlying places, Hamilton sending a group of 64 enthusiasts. At 8 o'clock the body of beautiful St. Andrew's Church was filled.

Little wonder that the President, the Treasurer, and Miss Pelton, that apostle of Young Women's work, all charged with the inspiration of the hour, out of full hearts, visioned for youth, with its charm and joyousness, missionary work as the greatest enterprise in which any band of young women can engage and sent them out with a new view of the Reality of Service. Then came the crowning meeting at Calvin Church when our Missionaries themselves spoke—our beloved Dr. Jessie MacBean, who has spent 26 years in China, Miss Whatling, the young evangelistic missionary, fresh from her frontier work among the villages near Jhansi, India, and Dr. Margaret Strang, brown-haired, square shouldered little medical missionary—doctor, adviser, community leader, minister, and good friend of the people in her 600 square mile parish in the Peace River Country, who held her audience spell-bound with her picture of that world and its need. For both these great gatherings a wordless volume of thanks ascended.

Provincial Representatives at the Executive Meeting

From left: Mrs. W. A. McLennan, Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Mrs. H. R. Horne, Mrs. G. D. Ralston, Miss C. E. Cameron, Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Mrs. F. W. Allott, Mrs. R. H. MacMicking, Mrs. James Herd, Mrs. W. H. McInnis. *In front:* Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, Mrs. A. Shewan. (Taken at the Canadian School of Missions).

The financial and numerical strength of our Society is of vital importance, and the members followed every detail with breathless interest. The Treasurer, Mrs. Strachan, in her report, while not wishing to be pessimistic, at the same time asked that the members take special note that, in 1932, our receipts available for our estimates were $152,982.41 while our *cut* estimate for 1933 is $171,000, and pointed out that a warning lay in these figures.

Mrs. Donald, Finance Secretary, felt that considering all things, we have reason for very thankful hearts—''Let us,'' she said, ''keep the flag flying at top mast. Never have there been so many opportunities at home and abroad. Returns are entirely dependent on the interest we create. If we get the interest, we will soon get the support.''

Our numerical strength is seen in the following summary: 6 Provincials, 41 Presbyterials, 1,841 Branches, total membership 47,239, *Glad Tidings* subscriptions 20,900; total income from all sources, $198,792.66; number of Overseas Missionaries 26; National Missionaries 62; and 3 Field Secretaries.

Mrs. I. C. Sharp

Last year, in addition to the support of our own work, our Society agreed to raise $25,000 in two years for the deficit and extension fund of the Church. Reporting for this Special Campaign Fund, the Treasurer stated that there had been contributed during the first and second quarters the sum of $5,563.09. This amount has been raised through the giving of one cent a week by Auxiliary and Y.W. Auxiliary members, and one cent a month from each Home Helper, and each member of the Girls' Organizations, and Mission Bands, which shows the value of small amounts.

Outstanding in our memory are two other events—the unspeakably beautiful tribute to the late Miss A. H. Gowans, by the present Secretary in office, Miss Margaret M. Reid, and the Resolution of the Council Executive on the retirement of Mrs. I. C. Sharp from the position of President of the Quebec Provincial Society. Many heart-felt tributes were paid by the members to Mrs. Sharp's outstanding service, and to the distinct loss her retirement is to the Society. The resolution as read to the assembled audience is as follows:

> We, the members of the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society, desire to place on record our deep regret that Mrs. I. C. Sharp feels it incumbent upon her to retire from the office of President of the Quebec Provincial Society, a position she has filled so ably and so well, since 1912.

> We would also take this opportunity of expressing our admiration for the manner in which Mrs. Sharp carried on the work of the various important offices, which she filled in the Women's Missionary Society in the years which have passed since 1899. Words fail to convey an adequate estimate of the value of this service to our Society.
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> As President, Mrs. Sharp was a model presiding officer. She studied minutely every question to be considered; her convictions were strong and frankly expressed, but always in a quiet manner, coupled with an insight and wisdom which rendered judgment on any matter in hand invaluable.
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> We also remember her gracious presence, her charm of manner, and the beauty of expression that marked her every utterance. Above all we think of her gift of prayer, the way into the audience chamber of the King was shown very clearly to those uniting with her in intercession. Her familiarity with Scripture language, the directness and clearness of petitions, the tenderness and spirituality, made one feel that behind the prayer was one who knew the power and grace of the King.
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> We shall miss Mrs. Sharp from the Councils of the Women's Missionary Society, where her loyalty and support could be depended upon at all times by the President. We thank God for such faithful workers and for the fellowship in which we are bound together in the service of our Lord and Master.

Then there was Mrs. Horne's account of the Western Relief, with its stories of human interest, of helpful contacts made and interest in missions created. She told, too, of the gratitude for benefits received, the great lesson of thrift which had resulted through unspeakable hardship and, best of all, the joy of the women who for years had sown seed and reaped dust, and this year knew the joy of a garden.

It was a great meeting. The members found themselves many a time on the crest of a wave of enthusiasm. The delegates too, through Mrs. Allott, spoke of its helpfulness and of the many problems that had been cleared which could not have been satisfactorily accomplished through correspondence. Even the President sensed the joy of it, and, in her closing message in the beautiful chapel, referred to the invaluable assistance rendered by the members of the different provinces in the consideration of the business, the noted presentation of work by the young women, the voluntary work of youth throughout the Society. ''We seem,'' she said, ''to have got hold of youth. Do not let us hamper them, rather let us look at them as right in the heart of our work and go forward with hope, joy, courage and good cheer.''

—M.C.G.F.

FINANCES

Pension Fund

MRS. STRACHAN reported that there are 32 connected with the Pension Fund of the Church at the present time as compared with 28 in the last report. During the year, 5 have connected themselves with the Fund, *viz.*, Dr. Elizabeth Thurrott, Jhansi, India, Miss Iris M. Errey and Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy of the Bhil Field, India, Miss Mary Eleanor McKechnie, Jhansi, and Miss Mary M. E. MacVey, Formosa. Six have withdrawn from the Fund, one this year having retired from the work.

At the General Assembly to be held in Peterborough the Pension Board of the Church is applying for pension on behalf of two of our workers, Miss Bertha Robson, M.A., Bhil Field, India, and Mrs. Mary MacKenzie, of Gonor, Man.

The rates paid into the Pension Fund by our missionaries in 1932 were $584.22, and by the W.M.S. $1,411.00, being 5 per cent of the salaries of those connected with the fund, which salaries were $28,220. Two special pensions still continue to be paid amounting to $1,100.

The Pension Fund of the W.M.S. now stands at $18,955.25 . Interest received in 1932 was $909.00. There has been given and willed to this Fund the following amounts: $100.00 from a Friend; $500.00 from a Friend in Montreal; $1,000.00 from a Friend in Montreal; $500.00 from Mrs. Jessie Auld, Guelph. Total $2,100.00.

Trustees' Report

MISS JEAN MORTIMER CLARK reported for the Trustees, that one property has been added to the list held by them, that of East Selkirk, also that sufficient taxes and insurance are paid on the properties held by the Society. She also reported that the Board had authorized the sale of a small house at Vegreville.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

Auxiliaries

MRS. DONALD GORDON made an appeal for the isolated groups who have little or no contact with outside people, and urged that the General Interests Secretary make herself responsible for sending them vivid and vital bits of news. She stressed the use of lantern slides and pled that something be done for these outlying places, quoting, in closing, the following sentences from Miss Pelton's report:

"Is it possible that in this desperate measure of economy on the part of Presbyterials and Provincial Executives we are robbing our Auxiliaries of the necessary information which inspires joy and confidence in the hour of difficulty when the 'going is hard'? One feels tempted to throw out a word of warning in this respect. It is a time to face facts, to realize things as they are, not as we should wish them to be, and one is compelled to believe that one fact is—we are going to lose something terrifically vital from our senior Auxiliaries if, in a panic of economy, we withhold from them a living contact with fields and workers.''

Home Helpers

MRS. LOGIE suggested that we strike a new note and count our many blessings, and, in doing so, do not forget to include our Home Helper Department, for it has been a source of blessing, not only to our Society, but to the many thousands of women who through it have become linked up with our Department. ''Suppose,'' she said, ''we had had no Home Helper Department last year, there would be 8,000 women not connected in any way with our work; there would be 1,718 less *Glad Tidings* taken, and our Society's funds would be reduced by $10,730. Do not forget that over 300 Home Helpers become active Auxiliary members each year.''

Young Women's Auxiliaries

''EVERY young woman of the Church a member of a Young Women's Auxiliary and a regular attendant of the monthly meetings is the goal which the Young Women's Department wish to attain.'' ''Such a goal,'' said Mrs. Holman, ''brings a challenge before every Society to be on the watch for opportunities to make helpful contacts that might unfold possibilities in some one who should find her place in missionary work.''

''Experience has shown, especially in the large centres, the need for an evening meeting for adult business and professional women and younger married women who do not find it convenient to attend the senior Auxiliary in the afternoon. Possibly the main objection these Auxiliaries have to graduating is that so long as they are attached to the Y.W. Department they are eligible to attend the meetings arranged for the young women and which are always held in the evening, and if they graduate they lose this touch with the organizations of our Society.'' Mrs. Holman suggested that if a Presbyterial Vice-President were placed in charge of these evening Auxiliaries who would arrange conferences and meetings for evening Auxiliaries the young women would be more ready to graduate, for they would know they would not lose touch with the organization.

A few of the high lights of the Department during the year were: 32 new Societies organized, every province showing a gain in Auxiliaries and membership, Alberta and Saskatchewan showing also a gain in givings, Manitoba and Quebec a gain in Home Helpers, British Columbia and Alberta a gain in Supply work, and Ontario doubled their Thank-offering. A decrease in givings of $15.48 was due to the young women devoting some of their funds to help the senior Auxiliaries meet their allocation.

Tribute was paid to Miss Pelton's helpful conferences and marvellous inspirational messages and to Miss Lamont's loyal service.

The sympathy of the senior Auxiliaries is sought for these younger Societies. "They are," said Mrs. Holman, "anxious to serve, willing to do things, to minister to real needs but they like to do things in new and untried ways. They are the coming missionaries, the future Auxiliaries of the W.M.S. Mother them, keep in touch with them, even if it does cost some effort."

Miss Pelton

MISS PELTON felt that, at the present moment, the feasible and practical way to increase finances is to increase our membership. Increase in the senior Auxiliaries is not going to come about by any spectacular plan but by a sense of responsibility on the part of each individual member. She told of one Executive who chose ten women in the Auxiliary whom they felt had special talent for personal contacts. These ten were asked to get ten new members. The duty of each woman was to make her new member feel she was needed. At the end of the year they not only brought 10 women into the Society; they had 10 interested members.

Two unexplored fields were mentioned: the women who came to the Presbyterial meetings but were not members of the W.M.S. and others whose interest might be gained through social contacts.

Miss Lamont

FOLLOWING this line of thought, Miss Lamont spoke of those who stayed away from the Auxiliary meeting because they had no offering, forgetting that they have a great contribution of personality, prayer and making facts known. Miss Lamont urged that a Membership Secretary be appointed in every Auxiliary, who would stress the fact that missions is a business and must be taken seriously. Even an increase of one or two members in every Auxiliary means addition. Then there are the isolated groups, to send speakers to them naturally incurs expense, but they do need to be kept in touch with vital news, and to be told of the need and how it has been met.

Girls' Organizations

"NO depression revealed, in number of organizations, membership, or service, as shown by increase of supplies," was the cheering statement of the Secretary, Miss Gray. Givings are down, for three reasons. (1) The common explanation—need in local communities challenging to girls, and meeting first response; (2) family pocket book reduced; (3)

misdirected contributions — girls' gifts going through Auxiliaries to enable them to meet their allocation rather than through prescribed channels. The first two cannot be remedied, the last should not be encouraged as it deprives the groups of affiliation recognition. Miss Gray asked that W.M.S. members discover girlhood anew with its problems and opportunities and that they try to make affiliation with the girls' organization a partnership. India will be the study for 1933-34.

Miss Gray, as our W.M.S. representative on the National Girls' Work Board, then told of the work being carried on by that body on which there are four representatives from each denomination.

Mrs. J. Middleton, former Girls' Work Secretary, outlined her activities in 1933. She stressed the importance of camp work and paid warm tribute to the efficiency of the girls and leaders. Miss O. Mary Hill, who succeeded Mrs. Middleton, was introduced, and spoke briefly.

Mission Bands

MRS. A. R. RIDDELL'S report was rich in suggestions and created an immediate desire to attain the objective set:— (a) an increase of Bands and membership; (b) greater co-operation between Auxiliaries and Bands; (c) training of Leaders.

Methods which might be used to accomplish this objective included: An appeal to every Auxiliary President to organize a Mission Band if one is not already in existence. The formation of Beginner's Bands for children from the ages of 3 to 7 years.

Every possible help for study and work meetings will be given the leaders through the Mission Band page in *Glad Tidings* and the new study book *Flowers in Far Fields.''* To encourage real study of our work, Mrs. Riddell will give a prize to the Band which prepares the best study scrap book entitled *Our Mission Band Garden.*

For two years the children's givings have supported Miss Soutar in the Babies' Home, India. To interest them in the entire work of the Society, the Council Executive has agreed that this year their givings will cover Miss Soutar's work for 365 days, and the first day of every month their pennies will support the whole work of the W.M.S.

The Secretary appealed for 56 new Bands in 1934—one for every Auxiliary—this means an increase for Alberta of 8, British Colubmbia 8, Manitoba 6, Ontario 24, Quebec 2, Saskatchewan 8, and the thrilling moment came when the Presidents of each province accepted the challenge.

Mrs. W. R. Adamson, former Mission Band Secretary, brought several practical and helpful suggestions.

''Glad Tidings''

MISS FRASER, the Editor, likened the *Glad Tidings* to a jig-saw puzzle which every member in her own way helped to make a success, and showed how during the past two and a half years the overseas, national and organizations work had been so presented as to give our readers a complete picture of every phase of our work.

She suggested that, in 1934, special numbers of the magazine be devoted to the Council Executive, the Provincial and Presbyterial Societies, and that, as 1934 is the 70th anniversary of the organization of our W.M.S., this event be featured in a pioneer number or numbers. This met with the hearty approval of the Executive.

The subscriptions for 1932 total 20,900 which is a decrease of 1,078. The Editor expressed the hope that a special effort would be made to bring up our subscriptions to a figure in keeping with the size and strength of our Society. In these days of deficits the Editor was happy to announce a balance of $348.93.

Publications

MRS. BALLANTYNE reported a very busy year with a wide distribution of missionary information and inspiration. Keen interest centred in her announcement of the books and leaflets which are being prepared, outstanding among these being the new Study Book for Mission Bands entitled, *Flowers in Far Fields.* There is also to be a booklet for girls' groups, on our work, to supplement the study book, "If I Lived in India," by M. N. Christlieb, which has been chosen by the committee for Girls' Organizations. Then there is a Welcome and Welfare leaflet being prepared, and a leaflet to be used in presenting Life Memberships, which is now available.

Believing biographies to be the best type of missionary education, Mrs. Ballantyne is writing a short biography of Dr. Jessie MacBean's life which will be ready, possibly by Christmas. This may prove a forerunner of biographies on other pioneer missionaries.

Supplies

REQUIREMENTS. The supplies required for the various departments of our work provide scope for the activities of all the Dorcases in our Society. The Lists of Requirements vary very little from year to year as to the type of supplies needed, but the quantities differ. The increased attendance at our Indian Residential Schools this year added to the number of outfits necessary.

Allocations. Definite requirements involve definite allocations — for Provincials, Presbyterials, Auxiliaries.

Preparing the allocations takes a great deal of careful thought. While allocations for Provincials do not allow much variation, there may be some variation for Presbyterials and considerable for Auxiliaries. This variation helps to maintain the interest of our members. The Auxiliary allocation may not include the type of supplies that our members like best to prepare, but they accept it graciously, remembering that whatever the allocation calls for is needed. In supply work as in other fields of activity, team play is essential.

New Branches. The newly organized branches are listed each month in *Glad Tidings* and it is important that Presbyterial Supply Secretaries get in touch with these branches giving suitable allocations and suggestions.

Western Relief. For the past two years our women have responded generously to the appeal for clothing for Western Relief. The same kind of help may be needed in the winter of 1933-34. In any case, many bales of quilts (large warm ones) and clothing will be needed for distribution on our Mission Fields and Indian Reserves in Northern Ontario and the Western Provinces. Each of these bales is a missionary agency.

Appreciation. Much praise is due our members for their loyalty to the work for which we are responsible and for their diligence and resourcefulness in trying times. In some instances it may not have been an easy task to fill the allocation, local demands for clothing being so numerous.

Lantern Slides

A decided increase in the use of lantern slides was announced by Miss Lang, also the interesting fact that the Budget set had been taken by a minister to the Old Land last summer and used to show the work of our Church in Canada. Two new lecturettes are in course of preparation, one on the work of our national missions, the other on Dr. MacBean's work in South China.

A Motor Car Battery Runs a Lantern

IF you have a lantern, or can get the loan of one, it is quite possible to use it in a Church that is not wired for electric light. Just run a car alongside of the church and have some one who knows something about wiring run a wire from the car battery through the window and attach it to the cord running to the lantern. If the car battery is not well charged the engine may be kept running while the pictures are being shown just to keep the power up.

Library

MISS KERR reported that during the year many Bibles and hymn books had been sent out to needy Churches and Missions. A large quantity of literature was also forwarded to the Northern Ontario road camps and had been greatly appreciated. It was suggested that, in gathering books and magazines, only those of the best quality be sent. At the request of the Secretary, it was agreed that a leaflet be prepared covering the work of the Library Department.

Student

MRS CALVIN asked for sympathetic co-operation with the Student Christian Movement's Committee on Missionary Education in the Colleges. There is now a Student Secretary in every Provincial and an increasing effort is being made to welcome students and nurses coming as strangers to Colleges, Normal and Training Schools, and to link them up with the local Churches. Personal contact has been sought with students known to be interested in missions. ''Students do not want advice but they do want sympathy and co-operation,'' said Mrs. Calvin.

Candidates

MRS. GRANT stated that since the report had been printed, a new appointment had been made, Miss Moyra MacLeod, a 1933 graduate of the Deaconess Training Home, to the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School, at Kenora.

In 1932, seven new missionaries were appointed to overseas service. This year, we are only sending one, Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., to take over Miss Robson's work in the Bhil field. More candidates have applied for overseas work than in the last ten years, but we had no money to send them out or to bring them in for missionary training which explains why the Canadidate estimate was cut 66 2/3 per cent. The present need for Formosa is a woman doctor for the ''MacKay Memorial'' Hospital.

OUR NATIONAL WORK

Hospitals

MRS. POOLE drew attention to the present difficulty of financing institutions and paid tribute to the work of the Superintendents who had exercised the most rigid economies. Money being extremely scarce, produce, meat, wood and coal have had to be accepted in lieu of cash.

The gift from the Hospital Aid, at Canora, of a portable fracture table, costing $200, also extensive repairs to the battery service and $25 from the ''Homemakers' Club''—a rural organization—to buy two gatch frames for beds, shows the appreciation of the people of Canora for the work of the ''Hugh Waddell'' Memorial Hospital.

At Vegreville, Alta., the Hospital Aid provided inlaid linoleum for several rooms in the Nurses' Home and the hospital, also six pairs of curtains for the hospital and two walnut arm chairs for the private wards, and, as soon as they are able, they hope to refurnish the private wards.

South Porcupine Hospital has not felt the depression and is full to overflowing. 1932 was a good year financially and otherwise.

Welcome and Welfare and Deaconess Work

MRS. McMULLEN drew attention to the value of the deaconesses to our Society. ''Frequently,'' she said, ''they are the only representatives of our Church and they never hesitate to go into the hardest places and do the hardest work.'' Mrs. McMullen made it very clear that workers are not appointed permanently and that when experienced deaconesses are required in new fields the organized Sunday Schools and Societies should be prepared to carry on the work themselves or with the assistance of a beginner.

Cupid has been very active and three of our splendid workers have resigned to be married: Miss Jenkinson, of East Selkirk; Miss Millicent Walker, in Jewish work, Toronto; and Miss Julia Maystrowich, worker among Ukrainian women and children in Toronto.

Mrs. MacKenzie, of All People's Mission, has resigned after years of service, the last 12 years being completed with only two weeks' absence from duty.

A total number of 3,889 names were received. The Secretary asked that those who employ maids would make it possible for them to attend their Church and Bible Class. The assistance of literature in foreign languages and of supplies was also emphasized. A leaflet is being prepared for use of the Secretaries, showing how the Department may best serve the Church.

In reply to a resolution from the British Columbia Provincial that ''the names sent to the Welcome and Welfare Department be printed or else written more legibly so that there might be less difficulty in locating parties in British Columbia,'' it was explained that ships' lists are typewritten, are open to all workers and frequent use renders them indistinct.

Presbyterian Residences

THE School Residences in the west are the only ones affected by the depression, those in Huntingdon and New Liskeard being filled to capacity. At Vegreville, although the attendance is reduced, they still have a family of 30 children. There has been splendid co-operation on the part of all the Superintendents in reducing expenses. In Vegreville alone, a large sum of money, collected for board of pupils, payment from ex-pupils, was forwarded by the Superintendent to the Treasurer. Several incidents were related to show the esteem in which the Residences are held. One was of a Ukrainian man who said ''that he could not tell all the Residences had done for him, that he owed them more than he could repay for his good religious training and his education.'' The other was of a girl, a pupil in the Residence for six years. She is now a teacher and has paid all that was owing on her board. Mrs. Poole asked that the utmost sympathy and understanding be given the Superintendents who are carrying heavy burdens and doing everything in their power to reduce expenses. ''All our Superintendents,'' said Mrs. Poole, ''have succeeded beyond our expectations and are to be congratulated on what they have accomplished.''

Indians

MRS. McKERROLL stated there are 284 boys and girls in our Residential Schools, 146 at ''Cecilia Jeffrey,'' Kenora, 23 at Mistawasis, and 115 at Birtle. In the region around Kenora there are 890 families with 1,222 young people under 21 years of age, the parents of most of them being pagan, and 475 of these boys and girls are in the five schools other than our own. The response of our pupils to Christianity is evident in the fact that during the year 33 pupils from ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' School united with the Church and 18 from the Birtle School, while the Budget givings at Birtle were $400.00, or double the amount contributed in 1931. In addition, $100 was sent to the W.M.S. The Government having reduced the grant by 15 per cent has made the financing of the schools very difficult. At Mistawasis, 3 new pupils registered. At Treaty Day, the W.M.S. made $50.00 selling food, etc., and the Mission Band children have filled their mite-boxes with hard-earned coppers. There is a field for work of a deaconess-at-large. The Secretary also suggested that the cottage at Birtle be fitted up and used by the pupils to demonstrate, in simple surroundings, what they had learned in an institution with all modern appliances.

Chinese in Canada

THE dominant note of Mrs. J. C. Wood's report on the work among the Chinese in Canada was decidedly optimistic. The Chinese population in Canada is now 55,000. Our W.M.S. has 19 workers in the field, 10 Chinese and 9 Canadian. In Prince Albert and Prince Rupert, where formerly there has been no special work among the Chinese, voluntary workers are establishing successful relationships. Despite financial conditions, the Chinese have increased their givings and are beginning to take their place in the Church's work.

Mrs. W. F. Adams, part-time worker among the Chinese women in Toronto, was introduced. Formerly a missionary in China, she spoke of the duty, responsibility and privilege of giving the Gospel to these strangers in our land. ''The outlook for the work,'' said Mrs. Adams, ''is not pessimistic, because the work is the Lord's and the results are with Him.''

OUR OVERSEAS MISSIONS

British Guiana

MRS. RICE reported that our only expenditure in this field is the salary of Miss Glasgow, the head teacher of the Berbice Girls' High School. A slight increase in the number of pupils there is reported, the addition being East Indian girls. When the policy of the Church regarding the work to be carried on in this field is decided, ''the W.M.S. will do all it possibly can to teach, to help, to elevate, to Christianize the women and children of this little field which has been under our care for over 40 years and is still so dependent on us.''

Koreans in Japan

A Canadian woman medical missionary for the slum district of the great city of Osaka, Japan, was the burden of Mrs. MacGillivray's appeal for her field. The cost of establishing a medical missionary would be less than a medical unit, and the need increases with the years.

Those who have lived for a time under slum conditions and without work become utterly discouraged, as Rev. L. L. Young expresses it, ''The slum life has beaten them.''

Our missionaries say we could not imagine the conditions which exist among these very poor Koreans in the cities. They cannot afford to have a Japanese doctor. Great numbers, especially children, die, and they would not if a doctor were there to teach the mothers how to take care of them. Japan has extended her boundaries. She is making her impress upon the world. She is not a Christian country and we have undertaken to share the task of helping to make about 500,000 of her people Christian.

This mission is in charge of a large co-operative body including the Council of Christian Churches in Japan; the Federal Council of Churches in Korea; the Presbyterian Church in Canada, which supports Rev. L. L. Young; our W.M.S. which supports 2 missionaries, several Bible women, students in training and teachers; the W.M.S. (E.D.) who have 2 missionaries. Bible classes and individuals also assist in the support of this work. For this mission Mrs. MacGillivray asked earnest and continued prayer.

In the 19 W.M.S. Auxiliaries which Miss MacLean has organized, the women are taught to deny themselves to give and they help to pay the small salaries of the Bible women and assist newly organized groups to rent a room for meetings.

Manchuria and South China

MISS REID voiced the deep regret every Council Executive member felt at the temporary closing of our work in Manchuria. Last year Miss Errey, a new recruit, was introduced to the Executive as a worker for Manchuria, and all rejoiced that Miss Crockett would not be alone. However, shortly before Miss Errey was to sail, Miss Crockett's resignation was received. Only one course was open—to transfer our nurse evangelist to the Bhil Field, India, where her particular training would be invaluable. Miss Crockett left Szepingkai in November and is, at present, working independently in Peking. She writes of days filled happily with work. She visits a Government Hospital in Legation quarters also the Douw Memorial Hospital where she has a wonderful opportunity for preaching the gospel to the better class people, and often to Manchurian refugees whom she had known in the field. She also has a class of rickshaw men, a rather neglected class and hard to reach, whose families she visits. Miss Crockett has served our Church and Society for many years, is an excellent Cantonese scholar, and we hope the way may yet be opened for us to retain her services.

The Church of Christ in China is the ''Church in action,'' according to Mrs. Burkwall's report. Her converts go to conference after conference for spiritual teaching; Bible women and other Christian workers attend the numerous Bible Schools, many of them graduating therefrom; and students use their vacation in preaching and teaching, under direction. Mrs. Burkwall's wide activities might well be summed up in the words ''She simply goes about doing good,'' and happily for us she keeps us in close touch with her work.

We rejoice with Dr. MacBean in the acquisition of a long-desired piece of land on which a new building can now be erected. Dr. MacBean is returning to many duties and will greatly miss the wise guidance of the Superintendent of the College, the late Dr. Hoffman. A beautiful reference to the former Secretary for China, Miss A. H. Gowans, closed Miss Reid's summary of the work in South China.

Formosa

THE year 1932 marked the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of the beginning of missionary effort in the orient, by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. It also saw the 10th anniversary of the organization of the Formosan Women's Missionary Society and the formation of the first Mission Band in Formosa, with a membership of 60 boys and girls.

The Japanese Government is still developing and improving industries and general living conditions on the Island. Its system of education ranks high. It has established schools among the aborigines, and the Formosan children attend public school. Teachers are all qualified, and Japanese is the language used. A similar high standard of efficiency is required in the medical and nursing profession. Government representatives and our missionaries co-operate in many ways. To retain this co-operation and meet government requirements, Miss Adams' furlough is being extended to enable her to gain her B.Sc. degree at Columbia University, which will entitle her to become a teacher and supervisor of kindergarten teachers and schools. This is in line with the W.M.S. policy, that our missionaries, besides teaching, preaching and nursing, should also train native women to be workers among their own people.

During Miss Burdick's furlough, Miss Ramsay will act as Principal of the Women's School. The resignation of Miss Senior from the staff of the MacKay Memorial Hospital was a cause of deep regret. Miss Hermanson is anxious that, in the near future, our mission policy will include definite public health work.

Every department of service carried on by the W.M.S. staff has prospered. The attendance at kindergartens and girls' school has increased; that of the women's school has doubled from 19 to 38. It is from these students we hope to draw our future native missionaries, teachers, etc. As the Secretary, Mrs. Martin, said, ''Every missionary is an evangelist and our duty is to uphold in prayer the young missionaries who have gone to interpret Christ to the people of Formosa.''

India

FACTS and figures were marshalled in a most impressive manner by Mrs. McMurrich, Secretary for India. By means of comparison, she showed the growth of our work in India during the past 7 years from:

1 missionary to 15 at present on our staff.
Estimates more than trebled
4 motor cars purchased for our workers
4 new buildings erected, costing from $3,000 to $5,000 each.

Contact has been made with two of the most outstanding women's institutions in India: Ludhiana Medical College, to which we give $50 to support either a Bible woman or two babies' cots, and $100 to the St. Christopher's Training School, which is primarily for the training of teachers. Education includes domestic science, physical training, handicrafts, kindergarten, etc. In spite of the reduced estimate we are sending Miss Mary Sherrick to Amkhut, India, this fall to take up the work carried on by Miss Robson, and, through the generosity of one of our Council Executive members, a gift of $400 was received to start the teachers' quarters, which will form part of the new girls' hostel at Jhansi.

Miss Williamson's furlough has been postponed at her request, Miss McConnell, who is now in Canada on her furlough, attended the Nurses' Convention in Paris and Brussels on her way home. All our nurses in India are members of the All India Nurses' Association and we are proud to know that our W.M.S. nurses were to be so ably represented at these world conferences.

Miss Soutar writes of 93 admissions since January, and that Miss Maxwell will spend her holiday in Landour, brushing up her Hebrew.

In every book or report dealing with present day missionary work one finds that all fields are feeling the need for public health, and child and maternal welfare, and we are glad that we are well to the fore in that respect. Both Miss Simpson and Dr. Thurrott have started that type of work in our Jhansi field and, in the Bhil field, we have Miss Errey, specially trained in these branches. We are also looking forward to sending a medical woman to India as soon as finances permit.

Miss Stringer

Miss Stringer, of the ''Gwalior'' Mission, Jhansi, India, then told of needs for that field:

1. A nurse to take charge of the Babies' Home. Gracebai is mothering a family of babies in the ''Jean Stevenson Brown'' Memorial Home and is in need of a trained nurse to help her.

2. A high school teacher with a university degree, to take the classes in the Girls' School up to the University.

3. A trained evangelist to work among the women in Jhansi City. The school is the stepping stone to the real aim of missionary work: the training of these girls to be the future workers of the Church in India.

International–Interdenominational

MISS MacMURCHY stated that we have a very close link with Sister Societies within the Empire, through our relationship with the Alliance of Reformed Churches, and paid tribute to *Ministering Women* and *The Harvest Field,* the magazines of these Societies.

Reference was made to the increased interest in the World Day of Prayer and the hope expressed that, in the near future, committees will be appointed in the different countries to prepare a programme suited to their own particular needs but based on the general theme of the Central Committee in New York. The Day of Prayer contributions in Canada for 1933 totalled $5,249.00.

It is a matter of much regret that, owing to the expense, it has been found impossible for our Society to send representatives to the meeting of the International Union of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches which met in Belfast in June.

BUSINESS

Business—Unfinished.—Agreed ''That all Provincial Vice-Presidents and Corresponding Secretaries shall be ex-officio members of all committees.''

Re different method of purchasing supplies. Agreed ''That for the present no action be taken with regard to the method of purchasing supplies.''

Business—New. Constitution.—Agreed ''That the Constitution be not included in the 1932 Annual Report, and that any changes made at this meeting be printed in the September issue of the *Glad Tidings.*

Saskatchewan Provincial.—The following resolution from Saskatchewan Provincial was thoroughly discussed:

> ''Whereas the Girls' Organizations are composed of Sunday School members and graduates of the Mission Bands, we consider it is advisable for leaders of these organizations to be appointed by a Committee composed of a representative of the Sunday School and of the Women's Missionary Society.''

Agreed ''That the Enlarged Executive of the W.M.S. ask for conference with the Board of Sabbath Schools to the end that some means be recommended to local congregations whereby through co-operation of all concerned, leaders will be appointed to girls' work who will keep before the girls all sides of the recognized programme.''

Ontario Provincial asks more space in ''Glad Tidings.''—Agreed ''That Ontario, which is the largest Provincial, be allowed up to two pages, to include more of the items which would be helpful to their members, and that the space in the magazine be adjusted accordingly.''

Life Memberships.—Agreed ''That the present plan of reporting Life and Junior Members and In Memoriam Certificates be not continued, but instead a record be kept in the office from the time the names were discontinued in the magazine (September, 1931).''

Prayer.—The question of bringing the matter of prayer before our members was discussed, and it was agreed, that short prayers be prepared on the different branches of our work, these to appear in the *Glad Tidings* from month to month, and possibly be printed in leaflet form afterwards.

Estimate for 1934.—Agreed "That the estimate be set at $171,000 and that, if conditions in the fall make it necessary to alter this amount, the Council Executive be authorized to do so after consultation with the Provincial Presidents."

Notice of Motion was given for any changes that may be necessary in the Constitution and By-laws during the ensuing year.

Constitution.—Girls' Auxiliaries, page 225 XXVIII, 1931 Report. Agreed this be retained, to read as follows:

> "Any group of girls who wish to be known as a Girls' Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society, should adopt the Auxiliary Constitution and report to the Girls' Organizations' Secretary of the Presbyterial."

Page 226, XXXIV, 1931 Report, Girls' Organizations. Agreed this should read:

> "Any group of girls whether Canadian Girls in Training or any other form of organization may become affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society by taking up regular mission study and by contributing to the funds or by assisting in the work of the Supply Department. Every Girls' Organization should report annually to the Presbyterial Girls' Organizations' Secretary using the affiliation forms."

The above paragraphs to appear under the heading "Girls' Organization Department."

Agreed that there should be a paragraph headed "Junior Auxiliaries" to read as follows:

> "Any group of young women who wish to be known as a Young Women's Auxiliary, or as a Junior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society may adopt the Auxiliary Constitution and should report to the Young Women's Secretary of the Presbyterial."

Also a paragraph headed "Associate Young Women's Societies" to read:

> "Any association or group of young women in the Church, other than Young Women's Auxiliaries or Junior Auxiliaries, shall have the status of an Associate Society of the Women's Missionary Society by merely contributing to its funds annually."

It was also agreed that there be a general heading "Young Women's Department," under which shall appear a clause defining (a) Young Women's and Junior Auxiliaries; (b) Affiliated Young Women's Societies; (c) Associate Young Women's Societies.

Next Council Meeting.—As next year marks the 70th anniversary of the Society's organization, Miss C. E. Cameron, on behalf of Quebec Provincial, invited the Council to meet in Montreal. Agreed "That, if possible, there be a Council Meeting next year, or a meeting with reduced representation, but that the final decision be left in the hands of the Council Executive."

Officers.—The officers of the Council Executive for 1933-34 appear on inside cover page of this issue.

Appreciation.—Mrs. Allott, on behalf of the visiting members, expressed their appreciation to the President and members of the Council Executive for their kindness, and stated that the meetings had been helpful and enjoyable, and had been the means of clearing many points which could not have been as satisfactorily accomplished through correspondence.—M.C.G.F.

Are Missions Worth While?

An Address by Dr. Jessie MacBean

THE Hackett Medical College is situated in Canton, 4,000 miles from Manchuria, 85 miles from Hong Kong, our British possession. Hong Kong is a place of refuge. Macao is 80 miles from Hong Kong and is a Portugese possession.

The Comity of Missions apportions the location of our work, and when I began my work in South China I was in Kong Moon, where I served for 18 years.

Canton is one of the largest cities in China, having between 3 and 4 million of a population. There are a great many villages on the outskirts, which, if included, would make the population very high.

Canton saw the beginning of many things: Robert Morrison began the first (Western) medical work in Canton. Here the first Bible was translated into Chinese. In Canton, the Revolution of 1911-12 began when China threw off the yoke of the Manchu dynasty and became a republic. Canton has its own government, and always keeps a large standing army in Canton City. The Southern Railway also has its headquarters there.

It is interesting to live in such an old city. Up to 12 years ago it was an old fashioned Chinese city with a great wall round it. Now it is a new and modern city and has become that by the work of the Chinese themselves.

Dr. Jessie A. MacBean

When I went in, eight years ago, Canton had narrow streets; now it has wide, paved streets. This spells progress but means a loss of charm. We used to get about in sedan chairs or boats; now we only have two canals, all the others have been filled in and the great city wall has been removed. In place of little railways on the streets are motors and busses; instead of little light, wonderful electric light; instead of old ponds and little parks, large beautiful parks; and instead of giving a great deal of money to many temples the Chinese are investing their money in educational buildings and in beautifying their city.

Growth of Medicine

In the early days the Chinese had to depend on foreigners to give leadership in medicine; now they have a large body of efficient native doctors, men and women. I hope in the days to come that most of the medical work will be undertaken by the Chinese themselves. That is our thought in training those who will carry on the work.

In 1899, there was one centre for medicine. Canton Hospital, started by Peter Parker, catered to all those who wanted western medical care. From this sprang Hackett Hospital. When you think of 35 years ago—with but one medical centre—and compare it with the present hospitals and colleges and training schools for nurses, you can see what progress has been made along western medical lines.

Dr. Mary Fulton started a work in the west end of the city and started work by women for women. It had a simple and humble beginning. As soon as the hospital opened and was going well, the ''David Gregg'' Hospital decided to invite nurses to take nurse's training. The nurses were very brave in those days, for it was not customary work for girls. They make very fine nurses.

We now have a medical college, nurses' training school, pharmacy school, (all for women and all progressing).

The death took place 3 weeks ago, of Dr. Hoffman, President for 12 years. Hackett was for a long time the only hospital graduating nurses. As a result, to-day we have the privilege and honor of having internes and graduates in all the provinces in China. We have always had more applications than students to fill the positions. Many of the girls were not Christians when they entered the hospital, but all were Christians before they left.

A Chinese lady doctor on the staff of Hackett Medical College said, ''A great many people say to me, 'Do you think Foreign Missions worth while?' I always answer, 'I am here because of Christian missions. I was given the privilege of studying medicine, because of Christian missions, I was given the privilege of being educated in a Christian college and I am a Christian because of the men and women you have sent out to China, who have given of their best. Because of their life and witness of Christ they have led us to be Christians and have made us Christian workers.''

Sun Yet Sing

When Sun Yet Sing led us in the Revolution of 1911-12 he stressed 3 things: (1) preparedness along military lines; (2) preparedness along educational lines; (3) preparedness along political lines. To-day the greater number of men in politics are Christian men. To-day the great contribution that the lands which know Christ can give to China is to share Jesus Christ their Friend, with China.

The Call of the Canadian Frontier

An Address by Dr. Margaret Strang

Dr. A. S. Grant, who introduced Dr. Margaret Strang, ''one of our frontier medical missionaries,'' said ''I envy Dr. Strang because of the character of her work. She is walking in the footsteps of her Master and is interpreting Christ to those who are laying the foundation of Empire in Canada.''

''I AM only a small cog in a big wheel, but I am proud to be a representative of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and to have a small part on the great frontier in which I work. My first station is at North Star, Alta., my second at Clear Hills, my third at a school house known as Hazel. My territory 600 square miles and as much more as I can cover. Rev. E. A. Wright, my chief in the Peace River District, has his headquarters at Grande Prairie, and he comes up regularly to Dixonville two or three times a year. Ten years ago this country where I am located, was wildnerness. As all frontiers have done, it has called to people at the far ends of the earth, and we have people from New Zealand, Newfoundland, Central Europe, India, Australia, United States, Mexico, different parts of Canada and the British Isles. They have come in mostly within the last ten years—by car, by waggons, and old fashioned schooners.

Dr. Margaret Strang

The first business on arriving is to camp in the most comfortable spot, and put up a log cabin which takes a week or two of hard work. So many of those who come in have spent all their money and their hope is that they may get road work that will mean about $75.00 or $100 a year; that plus their garden, is their grub stake, and I have seen them make it do on $25.00. Markets are far away, Edmonton is 450 miles down the line. World markets have lost their bottom and Peace River settlers find themselves up against a situation they hardly know how to cope with. These people coming into a new country carry their needs with them, and if they have not been trained, they do not know how to economize or temporize, and they have to learn and that is hard to do. The first year the family live in a one-room shack. There is no school, no Church, and little community interest. It is heavy work clearing the land and getting the first garden. The bush is hard on clothing and it is no wonder soles come off shoes.

Into this country all Churches have sent workers, and the Presbyterians have sent another kind of immigrant, their missionary.

The first work of the missionary in Dixonville was to erect a 16 by 24 log house. We spent six weeks getting it up, but since then it has served as doctor's office, manse, public library, consulting room for all the troubles of the district, relief depot, and veterinary supply store. The equipment outside of the house consisted of a horse and saddle; the opportunity lay in the 600 square miles surrounding. The people are miles from town, some of the men get in once a year but not the women. There are no community interests except a community dance once in two weeks, and their dancing is the cleanest sport I have ever seen.

The first winter I was there we established a community night once a month and put on our own programmes, all local talent, and everybody came. It was a new invention and they supported it with their whole hearts. There was singing, games, and a play or two. The grind in these one room shacks is something that few people can possibly realize. To have this outlet once a month is in the nature of letting off steam, which is necessary in everybody's life. Then there is the problem of pain and sickness. Fortunately, frontier people are healthy, but it is something for mothers to know that there is a doctor 15 or 20 miles away to whom they can turn if necessary. Last year a man broke his leg twenty miles back in the bush, they brought him in three miles from Dixonville, and we made our own splints and set it with eight children and the mother looking on.

Our winter evenings start at 4.30 and last all night. The people have few community interests and nothing to read unless some one sends magazines. Friends from all over the Dominion have been sending literature and we have now 5 lending libraries and some of the school children come into the manse at Dixonville two or three times a week and get a book each time.

One afternoon a little Polish girl who had just come into the district came into my office for medicine and while there I gave her a scrap book full of valentines that somebody had sent out. She stood there the picture of bliss for two hours looking over those valentines. I quite believe Sunday School cards tacked up on the walls are the only pictures they have.

Then I want you to see the mothers and the long, long grind of their days, patching and darning and mending. Some of them have not seen a new piece of cloth since they went out there, they have made over and over until they have not even rags to patch with, and the doctor's storehouse again comes into use. The bales and parcels that have been sent out from the home Churches have been more than a godsend to those women. They have come with tears in their eyes and thanked me and I said ''Do not thank me, they are from the folks at home who send them with open hearts and hands.''

But I do not want to speak just on the material and mental needs of these people, because man was made in the image of his God, and there is always a cry in the human heart for something divine.

At Dixonville, we have a log Church which was put up last summer, at Clear Hills a school house, and at Hazel a school house, all log buildings and small, but therein we may see visions and dream dreams, and how folks who are forever with their noses to the grind stone, do appreciate a glimpse into that which lies beyond.

One Sunday morning, at Clear Hills, with the thermometer 40 below zero, we had a congregation of about forty children and grown ups, and that is a big congregation for that country. In spite of the cold they sang with all their hearts ''Unto the Hills Around do I Lift up my Longing Eyes.'' They go away feeling that there are not just hard circumstances to face, but that there is a Divine Being who watches over them and cares for them and lifts them up even unto greatness.

The needs for next year: Good books are always acceptable, and any kind of fiddle or musical instrument and sheet music. We have three public schools in all that district, but we have no high schools, the nearest is 40 miles away, at Berwin. We do need at Dixonville a high school and one could be started on $2,000.

But above all these things, which are material, we need those golden words that go up unto God and down again unto us, daily, and weekly and monthly, because there are hearts there that are yearning for just a little bit of sympathy and the knowledge that some one else cares. We have the great privilege of serving and of opening our hearts and hands on the frontier district. If a frontier nation is to be founded in righteousness and to endure in the years to come they need you and your God.''

Frontier Work in India

Summary of Address by Miss Annie Lee Whatling

IN 1926, when Miss Stringer and Miss Whatling arrived in India, they found Dr. and Mrs. Wilkie there and Mr. and Mrs. Hawtin. Neither of them knew the language and they wondered if they were equal to the task.

Miss Stringer began work in the ''Helen Macdonald'' Memorial School. To Miss Whatling was set the task of starting evangelistic work in the villages. This was not an easy thing to do as, up to that time, no village work had been done entirely by women.

Accompanied by Donebai, Miss Whatling started out. They took their tent and pitched it on dry ground, no European woman being nearer than eleven miles. They rose at 5 in the morning, breakfasted, and began their duties at 6. They had devotions with the servants, attended to the ''women patients wanting health'' then started out to survey the villages and preach the gospel of Jesus.

A lady missionary gets into Indian homes that a man missionary cannot enter and Miss Whatling told of visiting one home where a mother had died half an hour after being bitten by a snake. She was asked to go in and give a word of comfort. To her surprise in the corner of the room sat a little maid eight years of age, with her face covered. The ten year old boy of the house said ''she is my wife!''

Miss Annie Lee Whatling

India's population has increased so rapidly that they don't even clothe the children up to six years, and one sees numerous burns on their stomachs. You wonder why. Perhaps the mother will confide in you and tell you that, instead of getting medicine, she had taken her child to the doctor and he had burned it with hot irons to induce the evil spirits to come out. No wonder a great many of these children die. ''You cannot,'' said Miss Whatling, ''reproach the mothers for this, it is done in all faith, but our hearts burn as we see this taking place day after day, and many little children cast out to die because they are not wanted.''

Seven years ago Miss Whatling and Miss Stringer went to India. In less than two years after Dr. Wilkie was taken and they were left to carry on the work alone. As Miss Whatling goes back this fall she wants to feel that the Church is back of her and is praying for her.

There are 353 million souls in India and there are only 6 million Christians. Jhansi with its 100 villages has just two women evangelists.

Miss Whatling's closing appeal was, ''Contrast your lot with that of the women of India and remember that your freedom has been given to you through Christian Missions. Let us therefore, give these people Christ, for only Christ will save India. She needs Him and Him alone.''

''Skill to do comes of doing; knowledge comes by eyes always open and working hands; and there is no knowledge that is not power.''

—Emerson.

The Reality of Service

LAURA K. PELTON

''Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.''

ROUND this text, Miss Pelton, at the Young Women's Rally, wove an arresting and heart-searching message. She said in part: Religion becomes an operative reality in our lives only in so far as it affects our wills. We think of the first time we became conscious of the holiness of God, and of something very wrong in our own life. Then to us life became somewhat of a problem and when that problem became solved by God's act on Calvary we were conscious of two things: that we had no power within ourselves to grapple with these things which were wrong within us, and that the redemptive power of Christ could be made available in our own lives only by the exercise or consent of our own will.

Religion is pre-eminently a matter of the will. One's very belief is inseparable from one's will to believe. Always we see the will involved in the relationship between Christ and His disciples. In illustration of this the attitude of the Rich Young Ruler was cited. Religion was not a reality to him because it had not touched his will.

''Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kindgdom of heaven, but he that *doeth the will* of my Father which is in heaven.'' That is the difference between a religion of sentiment and a religion of reality. It was not a sentiment which took Jesus to the cross; it was the will of Infinite Love. The crucifixion has not become a living reality for us unless it has disturbed us and created in us an urge and a passion and been a power in our lives. We think of *Reality of Service* to-night. You Young Women are here because the missionary movement is in your heart and mind. You have manifested your allegiance by your presence, and we want to ask ourselves in a simple but ruthless way, how real is our missionary service when confronted by the words of Christ ''He that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.'' As we read through the New Testament does it not sink into our mind and conscience that the will of God for men and women is that we shall be righteous. One dictionary meaning of righteousness is, freedom from sin and guilt and wrong, another says, to be righteous means to yield to all their due. If yielding to all their due does not mean something very definitely connected with missions, what does Christ mean when He says: Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature? You who are gathered here are doing tremendous things in the missionary movement and, because of that, I am going to say to you young women: ''The thing that must get into the minds of our young people, our W.M.S. members and, in fact the whole membership of the Church, is that the redeeming and saving power of Almighty God is as much the due of India, China and Japan as it is of Canada, and, until the Presbyterian Church in Canada gets that into her mind she cannot be a righteous Church in the tremendous sense of the word.

Most of us repeat the Lord's Prayer once a day, yet when we have said *Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done* we have made a tremendous utterance to God and are guilty of sacrilege unless we have made a definite commitment of ourselves to God in whatever way He shall choose that His Kingdom come and His will be done. It may be that He is going to use us at our inconvenience and it is going to cost us something. There is no limit to what the young women can do if they will get this business of Christ into their wills. All we need is the challenge. May one suggest two things: That we take the trouble and the time to see the world as it is today, and the world in its relation to the missionary movement. I cannot conceive of anything greater than a young person whose religion and service is so real that God's will is of more importance than her own desires. There is no limit to what the young women can do if they will throw their wills into this business of missions.

The young are very shy in speaking about prayer. The more we think about prayer, the more we read about it, the more we try to pray, the more we realize how poor is our contact and fellowship with God, and one is tempted to believe that much of the poverty in our Christian life and Church work is often in the matter of prayer. True prayer is going to cost us something in our time, our energy, our resources, and in our desire. May one suggest that we take this prayer so seriously that, before we ask anything of God, we shall say, I am willing if He wants to answer that prayer that I shall be willing to pay something for it. —M.C.G.F.

Editorial Notes

Changes in Staff

MISS S. VIOLET SCOTT, formerly Superintendent of the Presbyterian Residence, Saskatoon, has been appointed missionary worker at large in the Presbytery of Calgary in the interest of the Church and W.M.S. work. Miss Scott's record has been one of outstanding service, first at Sifton, then as Field Secretary, and from 1927-33 as Superintendent of the Presbyterian Residence at Saskatoon. In her new post Miss Scott will have even wider opportunities for the exercise of her executive gifts and leadership.

Miss Myra MacLeod, a 1933 graduate of the Deaconess Training Home, has been appointed teacher at the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian

Residential School, Kenora, and her designation took place in Maxville, August 24th.

Welcome Miss McConnell

MISS ISOBEL McCONNELL, Superintendent of the Jobat Hospital, returned to Canada in August for her first furlough. On her way to her home in Ireland, Miss McConnell attended the International Congress of Nurses, in Paris and Brussels, at which 2,000 nurses were present, thirty-two nations being represented.

A Devoted Officer Passes

THE Council Executive joins with the Manitoba Provincial in paying sincere tribute to the long and devoted service to the Society of Mrs. T. S. T. Smellie, Port Arthur. The passing of these members of early days wakens anew in our hearts, thankfulness for the lives of such women who founded the Society on the high ideals of prayer and service which still are the guiding principles of the Society at large.

The account of the designation of Miss Mary Sherrick to India, which takes place in Weyburn, Sask., August 29th will appear in the October issue.

A Correction

We regret that the name of the steamer on which our missionaries to India sail from Liverpool, on September 22nd, was given as the *City of Canton*. It should be *The City of Canterbury.*

Books Old and New

BY LEREINE BALLANTYNE

SEPTEMBER is a month of programme planning. This year each Auxiliary programme committee will no doubt be engaged in outlining the meetings for the coming season. Never before were social problems of the world so interwoven with state policies, and never has the missionary programme shown so clearly that the Christian social life is the solution for it all. An intelligent tackling of our missionary obligations can be embodied in the second part of the study book, ''The Seven Seas of Service.'' Supplementary reading suggestions are made at the end of each chapter, and other new helps are constantly arriving. Do not hesitate to write for what is required.

FLOWERS IN FAR FIELDS, the new Mission Band Study Book, is ready for use. It is prepared for two years, and it is hoped that all Mission Bands will start using it in September. A new feature of this book is the suggestions for the meetings at the end of each chapter, and the list of Leader's Helps and Supply Suggestions. Price per copy 35c, including the Prayer Card with each copy.

Prayer Cards for Mission Bands may be had in quantities for any leader who wishes to give the Band members copies to take home to memorize.

Programme Suggestion Helps:

Hints on Missionary Education, by I. Alliott, 15c.
The Clash of World Forces, by Basil Mathews, 60c.
Building on Sand, by Malcolm Spencer, 35c.
Japan and Her People, by Ethel Hughes, price 60c.
India and Her People, by F. D. Walker, price 60c.
India in the Dark Wood, by Nicol MacNicol, cloth, 90c.

These or others may be secured from the W.M.S. Publications Office at any time. A new Book List will be ready in October.

Prayer

OUR Father, Who hast given unto us the desire to pray, grant that we may come into Thy presence with the full assurance of faith that our prayers will be heard, and that whatsoever we ask in Thy name, if it be according to Thy will, Thou wilt grant it. We thank Thee for Thy continual goodness to us, for life with all its beauty and glory and opportunity; for health and vigor; for friends and holidays and happiness; and for every vision of Thyself which Thou hast granted us in Sacrament or prayer. O God, our Father, we pray for Thy Church which is set to-day amid the perplexities of a changing order and is face to face with new tasks. Grant her Christlike tenderness for the heavy-laden and the down-trodden. Bless, we pray Thee, the missionary work of Thy Church in all parts of the world, and, especially that portion for which our Church and her women are responsible. We thank Thee for all who have gone forth to carry The Message of salvation to those in need in Canada and Overseas. Be Thou their constant stay and their great reward. Give journeying mercies to those who are returning to their fields and be especially near our new missionary as she sets sail for India. Give rest and refreshment to those now on furlough. Remember all who are sick or sad or anxious. Comfort all who mourn and grant that at the beginning of another season of work we may consecrate ourselves anew to Thy service. In Christ's name we ask it. Amen.

YOUNG WOMEN

OUR PART

WITH the beginning of September there is need to consider the possibilities for the advancement of our work, which may present themselves during the coming season. Three important phases which should receive our careful consideration are, our membership, our programmes and our allocation.

Increased membership is necessary if we are to advance our work. We can obtain an increase in membership if our programmes are well planned, interesting and filled with information. A definite study of our fields provides such a broad course of study that our young women cannot fail to realize the needs that confront us as a Missionary Society. Some one has said: ''Each of us has his own particular part to play in the general scheme; and if we fail to play our part properly we throw the whole scheme out of gear.'' How this thought should thrill each member and spur her on to greater endeavor! If each individual member accepts her responsibility and does her part to give her less fortunate sisters the knowledge of Christ and His love, we need have no fear that our allocation will not be reached. Let it be said of us that we played our part, that we had a definite share in the accomplishment of the task which confronts our Auxiliary during the coming season.

A Successful Plan

The Willing Workers of Knox Church, Listowel, Ont., sends in the following splendid suggestion to raise expense money. ''Plans were made early in the autumn to hold a novelty sale. Materials were purchased and donations of ribbons, lace and wool received. Weekly sewing meetings were held for six weeks. The first week in December the sale was held, dolls, fancy work, oilcloth animals, dolls in frames, baking table and afternoon tea making a colorful display. A musical programme added to the enjoyment. We feel it was so successful because our main object was not to make money. We felt the giving of our time and talents were more than amply repaid by the interest created in our work. Isn't it true that whatever we undertake, if we go into it with the right attitude of heart and mind we reap blessings far beyond our expectations?

Success Suggestions

Encourage missionary reading. Try to have members read at least one supplementary book a year. Exchange books, and give a three minute talk in the meeting on each one read. Supplementary reading is listed in your Study Book. Have you purchased your copy?

—*F. D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

WHAT does India mean to you? If you have visited that marvelous country, the mere mention may recall snow-capped Himalayas, crowded banks of the sacred river Ganges, marble beauty of The Taj Mahal, or sandstone splendor of the Kutub Minar. To a person interested in history, India may bespeak, the shadowy figure of Asoka, the great Akbar or Mahatma Gandhi; or again Clive, Havelock or Viscount Willingdon. For readers, there flashes by a quick procession, the epic poem, the Ramayana—recently produced in the first all-Indian film—the works of Rabindranath Tagore, the poetry of Sarajini Naidu, and Rudyard Kipling. To those interested in the advance of Christianity, India means assuredly the life of William Carey and many great missionaries of our own Church—Rev. John Wilkie, D.D., Dr. Buchanan, Dr. Margaret O'Hara, Miss Bertha Robson and others. So travel afar throughout India during 1933-34 and make the trip mean much to every member of your group. Use for your guide the new study book, ''If I Lived in India,'' by M. L. Christlieb (price 25c). You will find there, life in India depicted most interestingly. To link up this book with our own mission fields and to suggest group activities, a programme help has been prepared which may be secured at the additional cost of 10c.

Miss Isabel McConnell, R.N.,
Jobat, India

And here is a through ticket for success on your travels. It is a stanza from the poem, ''The Law of the Jungle,'' Kipling's Jungle Book II,

''For the strength of the pack is the wolf, and
The strength of the wolf is the pack.''

Change that to read group for pack, and girl for wolf, and see the good results.

As this magazine goes to print, note that Miss Stringer, Miss Whatling with the newest recruit, Miss Mary Sherrick, are outward bound; while Miss McConnell has returned to Canada on furlough.

—M.J.G.

MISSION STUDY SUGGESTIONS

OUT of these discussions at summer schools and camps emerged several suggestions for presenting missions in an attractive way, and for arousing immediate interest. It was felt that a leader who sat down, put on her spectacles, and remarked to her group, ''Now, girls, we are going to study India,'' and began forthwith to read, would never make missions a vital thing in the life of her girls. Why not try instead one of these suggestions?

1. A bright, vivid talk on India and her peoples given by a returned missionary or other suitable person. The talk should be not so much informative as colorful and stimulating: if no speaker can be found, a lantern slide lecture could be substituted. Sometimes it is interesting to follow it with discussion; divide into informal groups and give each group a leading question to discuss, and report their conclusion.

2. An ''if'' Evening. Ask several girls to give five minute talks on ''If I lived in India, I would wear—I would eat—my amusements would be—my school would be—what a missionary would mean to me.

3. A Story Festival. Find some persons fond of story telling and invite them to come and tell stories of India, including perhaps one of the ''Just So Stories,'' and some Hindu folk tales. Hindu poetry might also be used.

4. A Dramatic Evening. Dramatics are a sure way of arousing interest. Have one group prepare and act a short play, see the one in ''Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands,'' or dramatise parts of the study book.

5. An Airplane Tour. A Pilot is chosen, and the girls sit two by two as in an airplane. They land at various places and are met by the missionary (as impersonated by the girls) who tells of the work.

6. A Social Evening. Play Hindu games and serve Hindu refreshments—curried rice, etc. Suggestions for games will be found in the study leaflet. Bible baseball may be adapted and called ''Missionary Baseball,'' the correct answer to a question about missions constituting a hit.

7. Travel Talk. This is an old standby. It should be given, if possible, by a returned traveller, if not, Cook's and the railways will give one a great deal of information, and imagination will do the rest. At the end, give a true-false test on the lecture, or try a simple map contest on India.

—*O. Mary Hill*

MISSION BANDS

Dear Leaders and Mission Banders:—

IT is September, the days are shortening and we are beginning to think of winter again. Have you enjoyed your gardens this summer? How different the flowers were from each other. First in the spring came the golden Daffodils, bright as the spring sunshine itself, and the Tulips with their gay heads dancing in the breeze.

Then, as the days grew warmer, we found the shy Lily of the Valley, the thoughtful Pansy, the tall straight Iris and the richly colored Peonies. Soon the Rosebuds burst and we watched sweet smelling Roses unfold, stately Delphiniums and graceful Foxgloves bloomed, and down near the ground, we saw bright-faced Marigolds and merry little Nasturtiums smiling up at us.

When the Asters started to bloom we began to think of autumn when, gradually, our gardens will lose their color and prepare for their long winter's sleep. The leaves will soon begin to fall but the crimson Salvia and gay Chrysanthemums will still bloom until Jack Frost warns them it is time for them, too, to go to bed.

In a lovely garden there are all kinds of flowers, big and little, gay ones and shy ones, flowers that bloom in the spring, in the summer and in the fall. Each flower has its own place to fill and its own beauty to give to the garden.

The world is God's garden. He wants everyone, whether their skins are black or white, brown or yellow, to love and serve Him in it. Each one, even the smallest boy or girl has his or her own little place to fill. He wants His garden filled with lovely flowers of all kinds from all parts of the world.

Our new study book, ''Flowers in Far Fields,'' is ready now. In it there are stories about children in Canada and in other lands. The stories are about the children's homes, what they wear and eat, the games they play and the schools they go to. You will read, too, about our missionaries and how they are trying to help the boys and girls to grow into beautiful flowers.

This autumn and winter while your gardens are fast asleep I hope you will read the stories of these children, some of whom live so far away from us, and do all you can to help send them the story of Jesus.

Mrs. Ballantyne has prepared a little Prayer Card for us. I hope every Mission Bander will have one of his or her very own and learn the prayers and say them every day. Affectionately,

Beatrice K. Riddell.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—At the meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, Calgary, presided over by Mrs. George Rae, an interesting programme was prepared by Group 5 on the subject, ''Our Work Among the Indians of Canada.'' The ladies were fortunate in having with them Miss Frances Patterson, a Calgary girl, who had spent two years on our Indian Reserve in Northern Manitoba, some 200 miles north of Norway House. Miss Patterson was sent by the Government as a school teacher to this Reserve and as she was the only white woman on the Reserve for the first eleven months she acted in the capacity of missionary, doctor, nurse and friend to these people. The speaker was loud in her praise of the treatment she received at their hands and their loyalty, devotion and love of the Sunday services. Miss Isobel Snowden recited ''Ojistah'' (The White Star) by Pauline Johnson.

The June meeting of Calgary Presbyterial Executive took the form of a picnic at St. George's Island. A letter from the Provincial Corresponding Secretary was read, asking the Auxiliaries to remember our missionaries in special and direct prayer at all their meetings. This request was highly approved and a resolution passed to that effect. Mrs. Stephens then read two interesting letters from Miss Hermanson, Taihoku, Formosa, and the rest of the meeting was spent in social fellowship.

Red Deer P.S. Executive met in Innisfail in May. This Presbyterial only meets twice each year. Secretarial reports showed much good work being done. Special mention was made of what was accomplished by Miss Matthews, deaconess in the Red Deer district, an area of 200 miles. She has organized and carries on 7 Mission Bands, besides doing much visiting and work for the women and young people. This necessitates long hours of riding. A minister and his wife have been settled in the district and will be a great help to Miss Matthews.

Mrs. Jack, Presbyterial President, asked that each member carry home to her Auxiliary the desire that a short season of prayer for the welfare of our missionaries be observed at each gathering. This could be a time of silent prayer, if necessary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN P.S. met in Armstrong. Delegates and visitors were present from every Auxiliary. A spirit of optimism was evident, everyone looking forward to an advance in all branches of the work. The important item on the programme was Mrs. Herd's report of the Executive Meeting, in Toronto. Each part of the work was given consideration, helping all present to realize the great amount of work being carried on by the W.M.S. at home and abroad.

Creston reports interesting meetings. At one, the C.G.I.T. Group presented a well-prepared pageant.

Victoria P.S.—Knox Church Auxiliary, Victoria, held an interesting meeting at the close of six months' missionary work, Miss Sutherland presided. Mrs. Wilson told of the work of the Presbyterian Residences in Eastern and Western Canada. Mrs. Cooper gave an historical sketch of the work in Birtle since 1883. Mrs. Dempsey told of the Anglican work done at the Pas, and paid special tribute to the late Miss McIlwain, Provincial Literature Secretary. Mrs. Coutts, Miss Sutherland and Mrs. Little spoke on the Indians. Mrs. Brown, Presbyterial Home Helpers' Secretary, gave an interesting talk on her work.

Mrs. A. G. McDonald, Presbyterial President, visited the Auxiliary and Mission Band at Port Alberni. There was a splendid attendance and a fine missionary spirit. She also addressed the Sunday School of over 50 pupils, visited the hospital and spoke at the evening Church service on ''Missions—Their Result.'' At Nanaimo and Duncan equally helpful meetings were held.

At the Presbyterial meeting in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, Mrs. J. A. Kennedy, Mission Band Secretary, described her visit to the Bands at Port Alberni and Nanaimo. Mrs. Sanders reported the Presbyterian camp for young people would be held on Mr. Walter Patterson's grounds, at Gordon Head.

Westminster P.S.—Mrs. Herd addressed the Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial at Mount Pleasant Church, Vancouver, on the Enlarged Council Executive meeting, Toronto. One of the most encouraging parts of the report dealt with the growth of the work among the young women and girls of the Church.

Miss Margaret Grigor, deaconess in Vancouver for the past three and a half years, was guest at many farewell gatherings and the recipient of many gifts on her departure to take up work in the Peace River District. The gifts included a rug from the Missionary Societies of Westminster P.S., a leather travelling case from St. Paul's Auxiliary, Livingstone Church, a leather writing case from Broadview Mission, a pakrite case and kodak from friends of Knox Mission, handsomely bound books from the S.S. teachers, and handkerchiefs and flowers from the Girls' Leaders Council.

The Vancouver Mission Band Leaders' Council met at the home of Mrs. D. Lister, Kerrisdale. Miss Grigor gave an encouraging talk on the growth of the work in her district.

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BRANDON P.S. 19th annual meeting was held in First Presbyterian Church and was very well attended. Encouraging reports were given by the Departmental Secretaries. Papers on Programme Building, by two of the ladies, offered suitable outlines of programmes. An interesting paper was read by Mrs. H. McKay, an Indian woman, from a newly organized Auxiliary on the Lizard Point Reserve.

Following the President's inspiring address greetings were brought from: the Provincial by Mrs. Hutchison, Winnipeg Presbyterial by Mrs. Leckie, and from Superior. Mrs. Geo. Ralston, Regina, special speaker, gave a fine address on the urgency of the loyal support and effort of the members to carry on the work of missions throughout the world. The Mission Band children took part in the afternoon session. Mrs. J. Forbes Wedderburn gave the address of welcome, this was replied to by Miss Yuill, Melita. Rev. J. Forbes Wedderburn addressed the evening session. Closing words were given by Mrs. R. Patterson of Elphinstone.

The Late Mrs. T. S. T. Smellie

Superior Presbyterial reports with deep sorrow the death, on August 2nd, of Mrs. Smellie, widow of the late Dr. Smellie, of Port Arthur, at the age of 80 years. The late Mrs. Smellie came to this district as a bride, some fifty-four years ago and during all these years has been a devoted church worker, especially along missionary lines. She organized the first Mission Band in the district, in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. The "Janet E. Smellie" Band in Port Arthur, organized since union, is named after her. She was made President shortly after the Presbyterial was organized and, at the time of her passing away to greater service, was General Interests Secretary in the Presbyterial and Honorary President of Manitoba Provincial Society—a long life and very full of good works. —*Margaret Hogarth.*

ONTARIO

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MAY September find our members like farmer John, home from their journeys safe and sound, their rest coats off, their work coats on, for the W.M.S. work must be done.

Girls and leaders, do you know of the splendid work done last year by the 169 groups? Let us make it 200 groups this year with increased membership and givings. ''It can be done.'' The girls' study book for 1933-34 is, ''If I Lived in India.''

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For 1933, we want for Ontario, 6,000 Home Helpers and $7,500.00. It can be done with these challenging and oft repeated words from the Annual Meeting still ringing in our ears—''what are we doing to translate the emotion into motion.'' How many Home Helpers will you enroll this year?

Saugeen P.S. met at Dromore. Good reports were presented and there was a good representation present. Miss Lamont, Miss Stringer and Mrs. Shroeder gave inspiring addresses. The Presbyterial Banner was won by ''Coutts-Cooper'' Mission Band, of Conn.

Brockville P.S. held their annual in Cardinal. Reports were encouraging; Mrs. W. A. McLennan, always an appreciated speaker, addressed both sessions. Four members of the ''Light Bearers'' Mission Band were honored in their home Church, Brockville, with certificates.

North Bay P.S. held their annual meeting at Huntsville. Splendid reports were received and the meeting was in every way the best since organization. This Presbyterial found itself in 1925 with only one executive member, aligning herself with the ''Great Minority.'' The few Auxiliaries left were attached to Temiskaming P.S. but after a short time were cut adrift and needs must learn to stand on their own feet. They were organized with only two experienced executive members. How those first steps were guarded, and, now, under the capable hand and watchful eye of Mrs. T. Firth, we feel they are about to skip and run.

The long desired wish of our Northern Presbyterials to have a really living missionary visit them was realized this year in Miss Whatling's visit. She held her audiences enthralled as she told of the woe and misery she found in India. It will be long before the enthusiasm she created wanes.

Gananoque Auxiliary, Kingston P.S., celebrated their 56th Anniversary with a Talent Tea. Mrs. H. R. Duff has done excellent work in this Presbyterial reporting the Provincial meeting. We hear that Mrs. Geo. MacDonald, Windsor, has been honored by her Auxiliary for long and faithful service and that Mrs. John Fletcher, Valetta, recalls the organization of that Auxiliary 50 years ago. Leaskdale Auxiliary, Lindsay P.S., celebrated their 50th anniversary in July. Mrs. A. Mustard, Mrs. Geo. Leask and Mrs. R. Stiver gave reminiscences. Rev. R. Simpson brought greetings from Presbytery, and Mrs. McCullough, Uxbridge, gave the address. A birthday cake with 50 candles was made and cut by Mrs. Geo. Harrison, oldest member of the Society.

For weeks past sectional meetings have been in full swing. What a wealth of hidden talent is disclosed! In London P.S. there were meetings at London, Port Stanley, St. Thomas, North Caradoc, Glencoe, Crinan, and Bryanstone. These meetings were addressed by Mrs. J. M. Dickson, Mrs. W. A. Hunter, Mrs. J. A. Branton, Mrs. S. Grosvener and Miss M. McLaughlan, all local women. Mrs. Hunter who has lived in British Guiana spoke on our work there and the life and customs of the people. So vivid was her word picture that her hearers felt they were there in person. Rev. L. B. Walden, Rev. J. M. Dickson, Rev. J. Waldie and Mr. N. MacKay spoke briefly.

Paris P.S. met at Norwich, all societies in the Presbyterial being represented. At the luncheon hour Mrs. W. H. Mitchell, Toronto, addressed the ladies, giving many practical and helpful suggestions. Interesting departmental conferences were held and a fine display of Mission Band and C.G.I.T. work shown. Mrs. Moynan, Hamilton, was the special speaker.

Three sectional meetings were held in Lanark and Renfrew, at Almonte, Lochwinnoch and Beachburg. Increasing interest and activity was evident. Brief addresses were given by Mrs. D. McLean, Mrs. N. G. Anderson, Rev. Mr. Fowler and Rev. Mr. Foot, and at Lochwinnoch, by Rev. T. McAfee and Rev. H. C. Pickup with Mrs. John Stewart and Mrs. C. S. Bootes speaking at Beachburg.

In the historic old church at Niagara-on-the-Lake the June district meeting was held, Miss McIntyre giving an outline of Church and Village History. Mrs. Locheed, Hamilton, addressed the gathering on ''Devotional Life,'' Mrs. McKellar speaking on the subject ''Faith.''

A perfect day, a beautiful rural church and good attendance with a strong message from Miss Lamont made a helpful conference of Stratford P.S. at Avonton.

At West Hill, Section 6 of Toronto P.S. convened. A conference, conducted by Mrs. McClure, Toronto, on ''Our Missionary Work'' was followed by short talks on the different departments by the Secretaries. Miss Wilson gave a good description of life at Glenmohr Camp, and Mrs. V. A. Smith, Presbyterial President, addressed the meeting on ''Faithfulness.'' Mrs. J. C. McConachie and Mrs. Little, West Hill, gave splendid impromptu addresses on ''Enthusiasm'' and ''Co-operation,'' respectively.

Section 4 met at Aurora, Mrs. V. A. Smith speaking in the morning and Miss Lamont addressing the afternoon session. Rev. Dr. Eldridge welcomed the guests and Rev. Dr. Forbes, Sutton, led in prayer. Section 5 met at Stouffville with enthusiasm prevailing. Mrs. V. A. Smith spoke on ''Problems of Rural Districts.'' Miss Murray, Hospital Visitor in

Toronto, told of the need and appreciation of the help made possible by the W.M.S. for our needy in these institutions. Mrs. J. Hill likened Mission Bands to trees, the members were the roots without which there could be no tree, and urged personal interest in the children.

Further news from Saugeen tells of the 24th anniversary of Burns Auxiliary, Rocky Saugeen. Visitors from neighboring societies brought greetings. Mrs. D. McGillivray, Paisley, was the guest speaker, Rev. R. Miller, Mt. Forest, speaking briefly. Four of the original members had the honor of lighting the candles and cutting the big birthday cake.

QUEBEC

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A REPRESENTATIVE gathering of members of Montreal Presbyterial assembled in Knox-Crescent Church to hear reports of delegates to the enlarged Council Executive, held in Toronto. Mrs. J. G. Potter and Miss B. Kilgour conducted the devotions. Miss C. E. Cameron describing her impressions of the meeting, emphasized the necessity of teamwork; the responsibility of Senior Auxiliaries to Mission Bands; the place of prayer in our work; the contribution made by our Field Secretaries and all our workers, and the challenge which comes to us all as W.M.S. members when we feel we have done our share, that somebody else can carry on. Mrs. J. W. Dougherty described the work done in the home and overseas fields, and reported that, despite prevailing conditions, there had been no need to recall any of the missionaries. Certain improvements and extensions of existing institutions had been suggested, to be undertaken when conditions permit. It was noted that the great need of our Society at the present time is an increase of membership. Miss Pelton spoke of the growing interest in Young Women's and Girls' work and gave a graphic picture of the work being done by Dr. Margaret Strang, our young pioneer medical missionary in the Peace River District. The feeling regarding the meeting was that there had been a wonderful spirit prevailing, one of prayer and dependence on God. As the ladies brought this message to us, we, too, felt that He was speaking, through them, to us, of His work.

Quebec P.S.—A little more than one hundred years ago a band of Scottish emigrants from Arran settled in a charming spot in what is now known as the Eastern Townships. Remembering their beloved homeland they called their little settlement Inverness, and their Church, when it was built ''St. Andrews.'' To this historic spot the W.M.S. members of the Quebec Presbyterial were bidden hearty welcome July 29th. A splendid programme and bountiful hospitality was accorded by the ladies of Inverness and Adderly. All Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial were represented except two, with a registration of 109. There is a no more courageous and devoted group of W.M.S. workers to be found in our Society than those belonging to the Quebec Presbyterial.

Mrs. Pae, President of the Montreal Presbyterial, spoke on our literature; Miss L. K. Pelton, Field Secretary, on the place of prayer in our work. Mrs. Dougherty and Mrs. O. R. Campbell represented the Quebec Provincial, the latter summing up the day's proceedings in her own inimitable way.

SASKATCHEWAN

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KNOX Church W.M.S., Moose Jaw, held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. George Ross. Mrs. D. M. Craig presided. Rev. A. K. Davison, pastor of the Church, addressed the meeting, stressing the great need of Christian Missions and Christian workers in the world of to-day. Several members added interest by giving a talk on the work of the Presbyterian Church among the Hungarians. A social hour followed when the younger members of the congregations contributed music.

The ladies of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Swift Current, held a very successful meeting at the home of Mrs. D. G. Cameron, with the President, Mrs. F. Bain, presiding. A display of Chinese articles, the gift of Chinese boys whom Mrs. Cameron had taught, was much admired. Members of the C.G.I.T. and other young friends were in attendance.

Saskatoon P.S.—The Parkview W.M.S., Saskatoon, had as their guests at the June meeting the members of the cradle roll, the mothers and the Home Helpers. Mr. Goudy was the speaker and emphasized the Church's need of children and the children's need of the Church.

Mr. David Goudy was the speaker at St. Andrew's W.M.S. Two pounds of used Christmas cards had been sent to Manchuria, China. A letter from Dr. Goforth's daughter was read, expressing thanks for the cards which will be used for Sunday School work.

A sectional meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, North Battleford. The devotional exercises were taken by members of the North Battleford and Wilkie Auxiliaries. Presbyterial reports were read from the various Secretaries. Mrs. Parker, North Battleford, and Mrs. McKinnon, Wilkie, were the special speakers. In the afternoon the Girls' Club and the Mission Band each contributed in song to the pleasure of the meeting. An interesting paper on "The Life and Work of Dr. Margaret Strang" was given by Willena McClinton, a member of the Mission Band. Rev. Mr. Cameron, Wilkie, addressed the members.

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Thanksgiving

"An easy thing, O Power Divine,
To thank Thee for these gifts of thine:
For summer's sunshine, winter's snow,
For hearts that kindle, words that glow:
But, when shall I attain to this—
To thank Thee for the things I miss!"

Editorial

TO hold a Thank-offering meeting may not seem an easy thing to do in these days when so many people are feeling it hard to find any reason for Thanksgiving. Everywhere we turn we see saddened, disheartened and destitute folk. Everywhere we hear the story of lessened incomes, straightened circumstances, positions lost and no others available. But, as one writer has beautifully expressed it, "To a mother in a cattle shed, in pain and distress there came the Light of the world; to poor shepherds in a lonely countryside there came angels with singing; to a little band of heart-broken people there came the risen Christ. And these joys are ours to-day as they have been the joys of generations of Christian people—people often enduring persecution and even death for their faith, but never relinquishing their hope. Paul's song of praise and thanksgiving in the darkness of the prison night won sufferers and jailors alike. Have we ever tried singing praises to God at midnight from an inner prison, with our feet fast in the stocks?" Shall we not then at this Thanksgiving season raise our voices in praise to God, for the things that poverty and loneliness and worry and illness cannot take from those that love God. If we do this, others will hear us and perhaps they, too, will try Thanks-giving and Thank-offering which is the overplus gift of life.

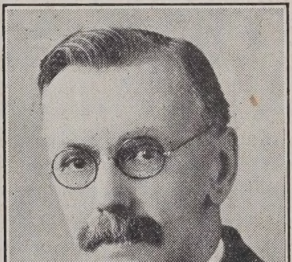
A Quiet Day for Prayer

THE National Executive Board of the Women's Auxiliary of the Church of England, in the United States, have arranged for the observance of a Quiet Day for Prayer, on November 11th—Armistice Day. Suitable intercession leaflets have been prepared and will be distributed to the shut-ins and isolated, and any others debarred from going to Church, who yet wish to join with other women in a united act of prayer. -There will be no set time for this service. The churches will be open all day in order that women may come in and pray for at least fifteen minutes, using the leaflet prepared for the purpose. There will be no address, no singing, no service—a Quiet Day charged with the power of prayer.

The idea has caught the imagination of a number of people in Canada, especially the leaders of the W.A. of the Church of England, who have a vision of the help it would be to the Churches, our country and our nation to have the women and girls of the churches at home and overseas, throughout Armistice Day, supplicating guidance and power from the Source of Love and Light, who alone can transform our sorely tried world.

Resignations and Appointments

IT is with sincere regret that we announce the resignation of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Currie, Superintendent and Matron of the Indian Residential School at Birtle, Man.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Mrs. E. H. Lockhart

In 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Currie were appointed to take charge of the Indian Boarding School at Alberni, B.C. In 1927, they accepted a similar position in the Indian Residential School at Birtle. During these twenty-three years Mr. and Mrs. Currie have devoted themselves to Indian children and, although relinquishing active duties, we are sure they will always retain an interest in these wards of the Government, and the Church's relation to them. During their regime at Birtle they have seen the attendance grow from 88 to 125 and the old school replaced by a fine up-to-date building erected by the Government.

Rev. E. H. Lockhart, formerly minister of Norwood Church, Winnipeg, has been appointed to fill the post of Superintendent and Mrs. Lockhart the position of matron in place of Mr. and Mrs. Currie.

MRS. Adam Robertson, after five years of outstanding service as Superintendent of the Presbyterian Residences, at Vegreville, has relinquished her office. Mrs. Robertson will long be remembered by the young people who attended these residences to whom she gave efficient training and to whom she was a good friend. We sincerely wish Mr. and Mrs. Robertson well-earned days of leisure.

Miss Isabel Gibson, of Calgary, a teacher of some experience and with a business training, has been appointed matron of the Boys' Residence, Vegreville. Miss Gibson is a daughter of Mrs. R. S. Gibson, President of Calgary Presbyterial.

Miss Isabel Gibson

IN our next issue we hope to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Anna Ross, Saskatoon, and Mrs. J. M. Douglass, Rokeby, of whose death we have just heard. Their passing will be a distinct loss to the W.M.S., and a great sorrow to their respective families, friends and co-workers.

The 1932 Annual Report

THE Annual Report is completed and should be in the hands of members and officers by now. Should any officer not receive her copy or any branch its allocation, please send a card to your Editor, Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, and enquiries will be set on foot at once.

This year, because of the necessity for economy, the Constitution has been left out, a saving of 26 pages, and the allocation to Auxiliaries and Young Women's Auxiliaries has been reduced from 3 to 2.

The changes in the Constitution appear in full in the September *Glad Tidings* and we would suggest that members either paste or copy them into the blank pages, entitled *notes* at the end of the report.

The allocation is as follows:

2 to every Auxiliary.
2 to every Young Women's Auxiliary.
1 to every Associate Society.
1 for the use of the different Girls' Organizations in each Church.
1 for each Mission Band.

These reports are not for the exclusive use of any one officer; they are intended to be shared by every member and a special meeting should be devoted to their study.

Our President Honored

WARMEST congratulations are extended our President, Miss MacMurchy, in her election to the Presidency of the International Union of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches. The article, in this issue, entitled "A World Conference" gives a slight idea of the responsibility attached to the office. In choosing our President for this important post the Conference paid honor to Miss MacMurchy's ability and unswerving devotion to the cause of missions, and also to our Society and our Church.

THE attention of Auxiliary members is drawn to the list of books on page 354. If our members have any of these books they can render a real help to the girls by placing them at their disposal now.

SAVAGE-STRANG—At First Presbyterian Church manse, Edmonton, Alberta, on August 5th, by the Rev. A. R. Osborn, D.D., Margaret Strang, M.D., to Douglas Savage, of Dixonville, Alberta.

Two years ago Dr. Strang was appointed medical missionary in the Battle River district of the Peace River country, with headquarters at North Star—a parish of 600 square miles. Here Dr. Strang has served as doctor, nurse, preacher, choir leader, S.S. teacher, tutor, librarian, social worker and friend to all. We would join with her friends in wishing her and her husband every blessing and happiness.

Students

MRS. D. D. CALVIN

THE Women's Missionary Society as a branch of the Presbyterian Church has always been proud of the high standard of education demanded of its ministry, and has naturally a special interest in young people seeking further education, because from their number should come the future ministers and missionary workers of the Church. Because of this interest the Student Department was established. For practical purposes and to avoid any overlapping in congregational work, we define students as young people who leave home to pursue their studies in Canadian educational centres, and young women students, living at home or not, who hope to become missionaries. Nurses in training belonging to either of these groups are considered students.

The Presbyterial and Provincial Student Secretaries try to learn the names and addresses of all students away from home and to see that they are welcomed by Presbyterians in their new surroundings . It is a great help if names are sent ahead of the students' arrival to the Student Secretary. College registration lists must be searched for names and addresses as soon as they are available. The ways of welcoming students are innumerable, but it is well to remember that as guests students appreciate the courtesies of friendliness, consideration, and freedom from well-meant but perhaps embarrassing questions and advice. The more natural the intercourse the better the results, hence the welcome may include men as well as women students and often be extended to the friends of the students. This side of the student work aims to have all Presbyterian students find friendly help within the bounds of their own Church.

The Women's Missionary Society looks for its candidates among the educated young women in the Presbyterian Church. The Council Executive Student Secretary should be the link between the Candidate Department and the women students thinking of some form of missionary service. Local W.M.S. women can do much, but it is the duty of the Council Executive Secretary to help such students with sympathetic advice about opportunities for missionary education and possible work. These special students receive a warm welcome if their names are sent in to the Council Executive Secretary.

The Student Department has other opportunities of helping students through the three Christian interdenominational societies organized within the bounds of the Canadian universities. Many students are keen to learn about other Churches and their friendships seldom run in denominational lines. All the non-sectarian societies attract many students; the Student Department should, therefore, learn their aims so as to give help whenever possible.

Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada

The Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship of Canada, the most recent of these societies, aims to gather into small groups ''the keenest Christians for Prayer, and Bible Study with a view to an unselfish loyalty to what they know to be right.'' This Fellowship which is ''humbly desirous of the name Evangelical'' is connected with similar Inter-Varsity Fellowships in Great Britain and Ireland, Australia and New Zealand. Dr. Howard Guinness had much to do with starting this Fellowship in Canada. Rev. F. Noel Palmer, Toronto, is its Canadian General Secretary.

Student Volunteer Movement

The Student Volunteer Movement, organized among the colleges in both Canada and the United States, is probably the best known of these societies. In the last forty years over twelve thousand Volunteers have been sent out by various Mission Boards. Strictly speaking, its membership is limited to the students who have signed the declaration card of the Movement which reads, ''It is my purpose, if God permit, to become a Christian missionary abroad.'' Interested students, known as near-Volunteers, often join local Student Volunteer Movement units, and whether finally signing or not gain missionary education and enthusiasm. The aim of the Movement, briefly stated is ''rightly to interpret foreign missions to each successive college generation and to enlist a sufficient number of well-qualified candidates for missionary service abroad.'' For a long time great Student Volunteer Conventions have been held every four years, the most recent being at Detroit and Buffalo, from which intelligent interest in missions has been carried back to their fellow students by the delegates from all parts of the country. On several occasions the Student Department has helped to send delegates to these conventions and to interest people who can contribute to the funds of the Movement. The Student Volunteer Movement magazine, now called *Far Horizons,* publishes lists of workers needed by the various Mission Boards in Canada and the United States.

Student Christian Movement

A third great organization is the Student Christian Movement, also widely known by its initials—S.C.M. It developed from Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. groups in the Canadian colleges and has contacts with the student movements in the United States through the North American Student Council. It is also one of twenty-eight similar National Student Movements affiliated in the World's Student Christian Federation with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. Its Basis and Aim follows.

''The Student Christian Movement of Canada is a fellowship of students based on the conviction that in Jesus Christ are found the supreme revelation of God and the means to a full realization of life.

''The Movement seeks through study, prayer and practice to know and follow Jesus Christ and to unite in its fellowship all students in the colleges of Canada who share the above conviction together with all students who are willing to test the truth of the conviction upon which the Movement is founded.''

The Student Christian Movement organizes study groups in all the colleges and arranges for general meetings and services of worship as well as tours for visiting religious leaders. It holds Camps and Conferences in various parts of Canada, publishes a magazine, ''The Canadian Student,'' and has a staff of travelling and local Secretaries. Funds are needed annually for expenses and for a contribution to the World's Student Christian Federation.

Returned missionaries, who are likely to appeal to students, have always been welcomed at S.C.M. Conferences, as well as representatives from Mission Boards but, until lately, the interest in missions has been implicit rather than explicit. Last year, however, at the request of the Student Volunteers, the Student Christian Movement assumed full responsibility for missionary education in the colleges and invited the full co-operation of the Student Volunteers and the Mission Boards. The importance of this step can hardly be over-estimated.

This is a brief outline of some of the opportunities for intelligent sympathy and co-operation in promoting the spiritual welfare of Canadian students. What could be more worth while?

A Prayer

NOT more of light I ask, O God
But eyes to see what is;
Not sweeter songs, but power to hear
The present melodies.

Not greater strength, but how to use
The power that I possess;
Not more of love, but skill to turn
A frown to a caress.

Not more of joy, but power to feel
Its kindling presence near:
To give to others all I have
Of courage and of cheer.

Give me all fears to dominate
All holy joys to know.
To be the friend I wish to be;
To speak the truth I know.

—Florence Holbrook, in the Student Volunteer Movement Bulletin.

The Thoughts of Youth

THE STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT CONFERENCE, 1933

''Creation's Lord, we give Thee thanks
That this our world is incomplete;
That battle calls our marshalled ranks,
That work awaits our hands and feet.''

AS we rose to sing this hymn on the first evening, it seemed to me to express the spirit of the Student Christian Movement Conference of 1933. At the opening of the college year, over 150 students and leaders have gathered at Lake Couchiching in the brilliant autumn weather to think problems through and to discover some basis for ''creative living.'' ''Living creatively''; ''the reconstruction of the social order''; ''the relevance of Christianity'', are phrases heard on every side, and I am tremendously impressed with the earnestness and sincerity of every delegate. ''Nowhere but at a student conference,'' remarked a leader, ''will one hear the idea of the Divine discussed over the breakfast table.'' Yesterday afternoon we passed a canoe out on the lake. In it were a boy and a girl; the girl was reading, and her voice drifted over to us— ''to be able to live intelligently in our complex world.'' This incident is typical of the tone of the Conference; of the serious outlook of the students. Everyone here is pondering deep problems; attempting to think constructively. It seems to me particularly valuable that in days of stress and desperate need, when beliefs are being questioned and new theories advanced, men and women from our colleges should come together to discuss Christianity and its relation to the present day.

The opening address, ''The Relevance of Christianity to the Modern World,'' was, most appropriately, delivered by a student. At once this question was raised,—if we believe that Christianity is worthwhile, how shall we apply it in the present situation, and have we the courage and the enthusiasm to make it a living force. Each evening well-informed speakers are to discuss the relation of Christianity to more specific problems. ''Christianity and the Family,'' has already been considered; ''Christianity and Unemployment;'' ''Christianity and Personal Life;'' ''Christianity and the Social Order;'' and ''Re-Thinking Missions,'' are a few of the remaining topics. Yesterday morning the Conference listened with undivided attention to Dr. Vlastos of Queen's University, speaking on the fundamental beliefs of Christianity; the first in a series of four addresses on the ''Meaning of Christianity.'' Dr. Vlastos makes his audience feel that ''Divine philosophy'' can be indeed charming when interpreted by a gifted speaker. A morning conference on the work of the Student Christian Movement in England and in the United States proved most interesting; later on we shall be hearing from students in more distant fields.

Primarily the Conference means stimulating contacts with other personalities. Each morning there are informal study groups under well-known leaders who are ready to share their experience and who welcome discussion. Some groups are studying the ''World Mission of Christianity Today;'' ''The Art of Living;'' ''The Life and Religion of Jesus;'' ''The Value of the Old Testament,'' and related subjects. If a student has personal problems he may at leisure talk them over with an older person gifted with sympathy and understanding. This opportunity alone would make the Conference intensely worth while.

From the standpoint of my own work the Conference has much to offer. We are not all theorists; there are gathered here many women actually working with girls, and who have had a wide experience. There is Dr. Marion Hilliard, and there is Miss Margaret Lade, who, not content with the temporary alleviation of problems of unemployment among women and girls is planning for the future. Then there are several missionaries on furlough, whose enthusiasm in face of trial challenges us who stay at home.

This is my first experience of a Student Conference; an experience as interesting as it is novel. Through the summer I have been feeling very new and untried, and I welcome the opportunity of listening to the problems of others and of sharing the experience of those older and more skilful than I. The personal enrichment which I am receiving from this Conference will, I hope, be reflected in the greater confidence and understanding with which I shall face the winter's work.

—Olive Mary Hill

A World Conference

The material for this article was obtained largely from the report sent us by Mrs. Robert Johnston, of Ottawa, who was in Ireland at the time of the meeting and graciously consented to act as the official representative of our W.M.S.—Editor.

WHILE the World Conference of the General Presbyterian Alliance was in session in Belfast, the 10th Quadrennial Conference of the International Union of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches met in the Rosemary Presbyterian Church, June 21st and 22nd. The object of this Union is the linking together in women's work in the Presbyterian Churches throughout the world by means of quadrennial conferences, interchange of literature and correspondence.

The absence of the President, Mrs. Forgan, Edinburgh, was deeply regretted. Mrs. Paul, Belfast, Vice-President, took her place and, in her address, referred to the many and varied services of women to the Church and the sacredness of personality, and reminded her hearers that ''to doubt God's call is disloyalty, to falter in obeying is sin.''

Miss Mathews, honorary Secretary, emphasized the fact that, although the problems on the mission fields were numerous and difficult to solve, yet the tone of the missionaries was never pessimistic; their call for reinforcements is urgent.

The report of the Girls' Auxiliaries was intensely interesting and was given in a splendid manner by most attractive, well-educated girls. One girl from New Zealand was the only representative of any country outside the United Kingdom.

The Girls' Auxiliary was started in Scotland and has a membership of over 20,000 in that country. Its aim is, ''Love and dedication to Christ.'' Thought, prayer and service are outstanding attributes. These girls are responsible for their own missionaries and adopt them for 12 years only, as they feel each new generation should be free to choose their own. The first Girls' Auxiliary in Ireland was organized in 1911, now they have 285 branches, 8,500 members and are responsible for 11 missionaries, and 35 of their members are working in foreign fields. The Society in England is small, only 800 members, BUT 47 of them have gone as missionaries.

There were many splendid missionary addresses, and an interesting Constitutional development when a deputation presented a petition to the Alliance requesting that ''the Union be officially received and recognized as the Women's Organization within the Alliance,'' and also suggesting that membership of the General Council be open to women under certain specified conditions.

An item of great interest to a wide number of readers was the beautiful tribute to Miss Mathews, the retiring Secretary. Forty-four years ago, Miss Mathew's mother felt the need of bringing Presbyterian Women's Foreign Missionary Societies into closer touch. To-day, the result of her interest, and her daughter's zeal in the missionary cause, and devotion to the work of her Lord is seen in the great Union in which 22 Societies are represented. It is interesting to Canadians to know that Miss Mathew's father was at one time minister of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec city. Her successor is Mrs. D. Hamilton, daughter of the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee of the former Church of Scotland. She, herself, before her marriage was a missionary in India and is eminently fitted, by missionary tradition and natural gifts, for the office for which she has been chosen.

A signal honor was done Canada and the women of the Presbyterian Church in the election of Miss MacMurchy, Toronto, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as President of the Women's International Union. Miss Margaret Hodge, of New York, President of the Women's Committee of the Board of the Foreign Missions of the United States, was chosen Vice-President.

Petition

GIVE me the gift of laughter, oh, I pray,
Though tears should hover near,
Give me the gift of laughter for each day—
Laughter to cast out fear.

With Hope to greet the coming of each dawn,
And Faith that never dies,
Give me the gift of laughter, oh, I pray—
Laughter instead of sighs.

Elizabeth Davis Richards.

Healing in His Name

"WE went to Toran Mall with the four babies on April 20th, the babies and I came down on the 14th of June.

It had been my plan to leave for home about 5 a.m., but the men to carry the babies did not come until nearly 7 o'clock, so we were late getting started. I mounted the horse and away we went. We were able to reach our first stopping point by 10 a.m. I rested my aching back against the rocks until the babies and tiffan basket caught up to us fifteen minutes later.

Ashawant and I fed the babies, then while I was finishing up with little Ditali he took the other three and bathed them in the cool waters of the mountain stream. The only wish I had was that I was a baby also and could have such a bath. We started again at 11 o'clock. If we had not had the babies, noon would have been the best time to stop, but a family makes a difference in one's travels.

After leaving the river I found the heat almost unendurable. We had had a bit of breeze up the valley, but then rode for two hours without a suggestion of one. I hung on for grim death knowing that after a bit we would come back to the river and find a cool spot to rest. About 1 p.m. we came to a lovely grove of trees and the water of the river was quite high in places.

Some of the babies Miss Soutar mothers.

We rested there until 2 p.m. The babies had their khana, all that tempted me was one of the lovely tomatoes raised in Toran Mall. If I had known we could not get home that night we might have stayed there until four o'clock, but I thought we should cross the river about 4 p.m. and I knew we had some two hours riding ahead of us. After leaving the river bed we came to the very hottest part of the journey. I stuck on that horse by sheer will power. Finally it was too much and I knew if I didn't get off I would fall off. I sat down under a tiny tree and wished they would come with the water. The next little distance I went very slowly, then we descended the hill and I found it a bit better by the Narbudda river. We still had a mile to go. The men were very tired too, carrying the babies, but they had more pep than I, even with their load.

By sitting on the horse with my eyes closed and letting the Syce lead the way we came to the ford O.K. I had neglected to put on my glasses and expect that helped me to feel sick. The men with the glasses and baggage were two hours behind us.

But there was no rest for the weary. Everybody started right in to cross the river. Ashawant said we had better follow them as he did not know the crossing. I took off my stockings but had to leave my riding clothes on as the other things were not there. How cool the water was and how swift! We had not gone very far when it was up to our waists. There were huge rocks under the surface of the water which we had to mount and descend. They were very slippery. The horses were just ahead of us, kicking, falling over rocks and swimming at times. The river is quite wide and owing to so many rocks there are numerous rapids. In the very middle there was quite a wide stream and the water was just rushing along. It certainly restored my pep to be in the cool water and to fight the current. Just as we arrived in this worst part Ashawant, who was helping me, slipped down a rock and fell in, pulling me half on top of him. My hat flew off so it was necessary to regain my balance quickly as my hat was hesitating between the desire to flow down the river or to fill up and sink.

Three quarters of the way over we met Bhim Singh who is the Amkhut cook, but while Stephan the motor driver was acting as our cook in Toran Mall, he had taken over the motor. With two to help the rest was plain sailing. We still had a piece to go back up the river but made it in fine style to the Sadhu's house.

We arrived there shortly after four. Bhim Singh told me the road was very badly washed out in places and I had better write Miss Williamson not to come that way. I thought he was being pessimistic. He also said that it wouldn't be safe to start out until morning, and assured me we were safe there owing to the presence of the police but if we were stuck beside the road we would be liable to be attacked by robbers. So we stayed.

The babies slept on some grass in the back of the car and were good until after ten. Two policemen talked in the verandah beside us at the top of their voices and finally wakened Mangal Singh, who expressed his disapproval by yelling at the top of his voice, then Ditali had a turn, then Musa and Samsun. We had, or at least I had, a grand night. Finally at 4 a.m. I took Mangal the worst offender and gave him to Ashawant, then we fed them and started before 6 a.m.

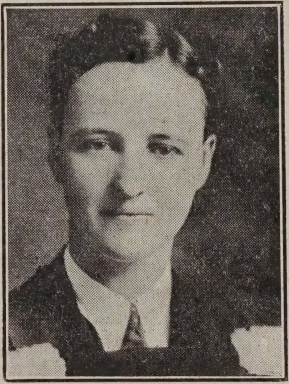
One policeman informed me it was a very excellent and praiseworthy work which I was doing, but not for anything would he take it in hand. I assured him that they did not act like that when in their own beds. Poor Ashawant said, 'I didn't know you had such hard work to do, Miss Sahib.' But you know we all have heard stories from our mothers of how ashamed they were of us when they wanted us to be on our best behaviour. Babies are out of their element in a situation like that.

We arrived home at noon the next day, had one puncture and found the road terrible. Mangal and Samsun yelled every time we hit a bad place, Ditali turned upside down four times, my neck felt as though it would be jerked off, and the only happy one was little Musa who was parked at my feet on the grass and had gone sound asleep.

It was nice to get back to the Children's Home again and have things handy to work with.''—*Mildred Soutar, Amkhut.*

Designated to Work in India

KNOX Presbyterian Church, Weyburn, Sask., was the scene of a most impressive service on the evening of August 29th, when Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., was set apart for educational work in the Bhil Field, India, under the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. The service which was conducted by the Presbytery of Moose Jaw, was presided over by the Moderator, Rev. D. G Cameron, D.D., of Swift Current. The missionary elect was introduced to the Presbytery by Hon. R. S. Leslie, B.A., a former minister of Knox Church. The address to the missionary was given by Rev. W. A. Cameron, D.D., who spoke of the occasion as marking the dedication of youth to the highest possible service. Rev. Samuel Farley, Regina, addressed the large congregation and Rev. H. R. Horne, Regina, offered the dedicatory prayer. Mr. K. Guerges, Biggar, and Rev. A. K. Davidson, Moose Jaw, also took part in the service.


Miss G. Mary Sherrick, B.A.

Several presentations were then made, the Council Executive of the W.M.S., through Mrs. H. A. Staveley, presented a beautiful English Bible; Moose Jaw Presbyterial, through Mrs. Craig, Moose Jaw, two pictures; Knox W.M.S., through Mrs. G. Echlin, a travelling rug; the young people of Saskatchewan, through Miss Isabel Gunn, ten dollars in money; and the British and Foreign Bible Society, a Hindu Bible, through Norman D. McKinnon. Previous to the designation service a photograph of Miss Sherrick, the gift of Knox C.G.I.T. Groups, was unveiled, Miss Margaret Findlay making the presentation address and Mrs. A. E. F. McLean, leader of the group, unveiling the picture.

Miss Sherrick is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Normal School, and has taken post-graduate work at the Deaconess Training Home, Knox College and the Canadian School of Missions.

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In presenting Miss Sherrick to the General Board of Missions at the meeting in March, Mrs. D. Inglis Grant stated that Miss Sherrick was the sixth to go out under the auspices of the Presbyterian W.M.S. within a year (three going to the foreign and three to the home fields) and the fourth to go out from Saskatchewan since 1928. More notable is the fact that she is the second to go from the Presbyterian Church in Weyburn. It was with commendable pride that her pastor Rev. W. A. Cameron, Weyburn, took his place in the moving ceremony of presentation in which three Moderators of the Presbyterian Church in Canada participated—the Right Reverend Robert Johnston, D.D.; the Right Reverend W. G. Brown, immediate past Moderator; and the Right Reverend A. G. McGillivray, D.D. Dr. A. S. Grant, General Secretary, also assisted.

Designation of Deaconess

THE Presbytery of Glengarry met in St. Andrew's Church, Maxville, Ont., on Friday evening, August 25th, for the designation of Miss Mora MacInnes MacLeod as Deaconess of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Those taking part in the service were, the Moderator, Rev. H. F. Dunn, Martintown; Rev. D. M. Lamont, Dunvegan; Rev. R. J. Kirkland, Kirk Hill; and Rev. W. B. MacCallum, St. Elmo.

Dr. P. A. MacLeod, pastor of the Church, formally introduced Miss MacLeod to the Moderator and Presbytery, referring to her parentage—daughter of the late Rev. Malcolm MacLeod, formerly of Marsboro, Que., and Katherine MacLeod, now of Maxville—her Christian up-bringing, her experience as a public school teacher and finally her course of training extending over two years in the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, Knox College, the School of Missions and the University of Toronto.

Miss Mora M. MacLeod

Mrs. P. A. MacLeod, Presbyterial President, acting for the Women's Missionary Society, pinned on Miss MacLeod, the insignia of her office. The Senior Auxiliary presented her with a copy of the poems of Pauline Johnson, the Indian poetess, which was considered appropriate as Miss MacLeod has been appointed teacher in the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School, Kenora, Ont. The Y.W.A. presented her with a beautiful travelling rug and brief case. A telegram of congratulation was received from the Alumnæ of the Deaconess Training Home.

Worker Among the Chinese Welcomed

THE Chinese Institute, University Ave., Toronto, saw a delightful gathering on the afternoon of September 8th, when representatives of the W.M.S., Chinese ladies and interested friends met to welcome Miss Esther Hazel Armstrong, of Vancouver, who has been appointed to take charge of the W.M.S. work at the Institute. Miss Agnes I. Dickson presided and two Chinese ladies led the devotions. Miss MacMurchy, President of the W.M.S. welcomed Miss Armstrong and spoke of her five years experience in kindergarten and girls' work, and pictured the many opportunities for service among the women and children awaiting her in Toronto. Mrs. J. C. Wood, Secretary for the Chinese in Canada, greeted the new appointee on behalf of the W.M.S. Mrs. Ma spoke words of greeting, on behalf of the Chinese ladies of the Institute, and told of the regret of the Vancouver women at Miss Armstrong's leaving, and showed a beautiful silk embroidered and framed picture presented to her by the Chinese Church in Vancouver, in expression of their esteem. The inscription embroidered on the side of the picture when translated reads: "She worked with a heart full of the love of Christ for them." Mrs. W. G. Hanna and Miss Ferguson, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training Home, also bade the new worker welcome. Miss Armstrong, in her reply, stated that she already loved the children. A dainty tea was served, Miss M. Craig presiding and a number of Chinese girls served. The recovery of Miss Lambert and her return to work was also a cause of delight to the Chinese people.

Miss Esther Hazel Armstrong

No Lack of Opportunities

TWO busy months have just elapsed, but, oh, how happy they have been! The only thing they lacked was time, for many days seemed far too short.

Mr. Fraser has been transferred to the Peace River district and in his place we have Mr. and Mrs. Hutton. Already they have been of great assistance and some parts of the work which seemed dead are springing up into new life and enthusiasm.

In spite of inclement weather in the early summer my work was not hindered and very few of the meetings had to be postponed. The members of the Red Deer W.M.S. asked me to speak at their meeting. I was glad to do so and enjoyed it all the more because the Innisfail ladies were there too. Several of the Auxiliaries in the Presbytery have asked me to visit their meetings in the fall.

In Hillsdown district, where there was no Sunday School, I organized one for the summer months. Each Sunday seems to be happier than the preceding one, for the children are learning hymns and their interest is awakening as they study more and more lessons. Dr. Kannawin very kindly contributed some free supplies and Mrs. Moors of Edmonton sent us a number of hymn books for which we are very grateful.

The past two months have been busy with community picnics and ball practices. I do not know whether or not a deaconess should play ball but I have had to do it in order to make up the required number on a team. It seems to me that it creates a better feeling when all enter into the sports.

During May and June a distance of 834 miles was covered, 84 calls made; 20 Mission Bands, 7 Girls' Groups, 4 Young People's Societies, 6 Ladies' Aid meetings were held; and 3 community picnics attended. My horses were put out to pasture for the holiday months, I am sure they are glad of the rest—they have been so faithful and willing. One becomes attached to horses when one is with them constantly.—*Frieda E. Matthews, Red Deer, Alta.*

Camp of the Burning Bush

"THE Presbytery of Red Deer, Alberta, staged from July 4 to 14 what will be the first of a series of Presbyterian summer camps at Sylvan Lake. The camp was made up of 32 'teen age girls, under the capable leadership of Miss Frieda Matthews, deaconess at Willowdale, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. T. Hutton, also of Willowdale.

A summer school was connected with the camp when Bible study, under Mr. Hutton, and interesting lectures were enjoyed. The lecturers, Miss Matthews, Rev. R. S. Stevens and Mrs. Stevens, Sylvan Lake; Rev. James A. T. McLaggan, Innisfail, and Mr. Creelman of Rocky Mt. House, added greatly to the enjoyment of the session. Healthy amusements in the way of swimming, boating, hikes, group games, and interesting fireside programmes were indulged in by the girls.

This camp is only a start, and it was successful beyond the highest expectations, due to the untiring efforts of Miss Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. Hutton, as well as to the good fellowship of the girls. High hopes are entertained for even bigger and better camps of the Burning Bush in years to come."

Closing of Chinese Daily Vacation Bible School

THE consummation of four weeks' work was the official closing of the Chinese Daily Vacation Bible School, at the Chinese Christian Institute, Toronto, and what a happy event it was for mothers, teachers, W.M.S. officers and interested friends! First came the wee tots lisping Bible verses and singing with sweet abandon children's hymns in English, then the members of the Junior Department singing solemnly ''Holy, Holy, Holy,'' followed by a worship period conducted by a Chinese lad, the recitation of Scripture verses by boys and girls of all ages and the telling of a story by a young girl—an amazing demonstration of memory work. Miss MacMurchy, President of the W.M.S. spoke briefly and Mrs. J. C. Wood gave into the eager hands of the pupils their well merited certificates. Miss Agnes I. Dickson, head of the school, stated, with justifiable pride, that the registration was 59, average attendance 50—the highest on record. At the conclusion boys and girls exhibited clever and original handiwork accomplished by them during the morning sessions.

Chinese Daily Vacation Bible School, Toronto.

Workers top row from left: Miss Kathleen Mark, Miss A. I. Dickson, Miss Lily Lock, Miss Petch, Miss Fay Wong, B.A. (graduate in Honor Mathematics and Physics, Toronto University).

Working With Young People

I HAVE been asked to work in camps for older girls in Vancouver and in the vicinity of Victoria. The work for girls is so important, and one gets into closer contact with them in camp and vacation school than in any other way. It was a great pleasure to me to know that the Girls' Group I took in camp last year won the W.M.S. prize for their map.

I have been continuing the work at St. Columba and the Mission Band recently organized there has been wonderfully encouraging. The attendance has steadily increased and there are now 20 on the roll. Their contributions, for the short time they have been organized are also very encouraging. My Girls' Group there took the Sunday School examination test sent down by the Sunday School Board in Toronto, the majority passing and one doing well. As far as I could ascertain not one in the Sunday School failed to answer the missionary test correctly.

I have also been visiting, at the request of the Advisory Committee and Home Mission Committee, a district in Burnaby, 8 miles distant, in connection with one of our Mission Sabbath Schools. It is a good little school and the children are interested, but I found most of the parents indifferent and not attending any place of worship.—*Mrs. J. F. MacLean, Vancouver.*

Interest in Hungarian Work Evident

DURING May and June our Sunday School had an average attendance of 38. We keep our Sunday School open during the summer months too, although some of the pupils go out to farms and otherwise drift away. Our Saturday morning school was open until the first of July. On Pentecost Sunday, five Sunday School children were received into full Communion after several month's training in the communicants' class.

We continued our W.M.S. and Ladies' Aid meetings, and had devotional services and special missionary addresses from members of various churches. For example, Mrs. Ross, of Chalmers Church, spoke of their Society's work, Mrs. Meitch of the lepers and Mrs. Dorsey of Chinese missions. As our oldest member expressed herself, ''I could sit and listen to these addresses all evening.''

We are thankful for having been able to forward $6 to our Presbyterial Treasurer recently and are hoping when our fall meetings begin (most of our members work late in canneries or homes and cannot come in the hot months) to send more by way of contributions.

There have been many serious hospital cases recently when advice and encouragement helped and was appreciated. Especially true it is of two women, who were hovering between life and death, where as they expressed it, a deaconess and minister's visits might help to turn the balance. Neither of them were connected with our Church, both being Catholics, not having a priest of their own, these visits were probably the only religious contacts for them since they left the old country five or six years ago. By the way, a Catholic woman was taken into full Communion in our Church, at Pentecost. We did not urge her, she made the decision herself. At the Pentecost service 22 women and 58 men partook of the Lord's Supper—*(Mrs.) Rose Piele Kovacs, Hamilton.*

Holiday Joys

NINETEEN parents were present at the kindergarten closing, so with the pupils, some older brothers and sisters, and a few English ladies, the room was well filled.

The programme was as follows: Prayer, sung by the children; Good morning song; Prayer, by Rev. Leung Moi Fong; Group of hymns and songs; Repetition of the 23rd Psalm; Address, Rev. Leung Moi Fong; Song game, ''Around the Clock''; Address, Mrs. Macdonald, Presbyterial President; Three marches, ''Away we all go,'' ''Threading the needle,'' ''March with decorated wands''; Presentation by Mrs. Macdonald of cards to children leaving for public school; The Lord's Prayer and closing song.

Chinese Presbyterian Kindergarten, Victoria, B.C.

Before the children left, ice cream was served to all, an event to which the children look forward.

The picnic was held at Elk Lake, eight miles from Victoria. We rode merrily out there and back in a heavy wood truck. It held 40, and we had a good, careful driver, one of our Chinese young men. Others came in a smaller delivery truck and by private car. There were over 80 present. A number of the children went bathing in the lake, and some of the Chinese women waded. Mr. Smith, of Vancouver, was present and played games indefatigably.

I am attending a course of lectures at the local Summer School for teachers on ''Teaching English to New Canadians.'' I expect to find it most helpful in planning next term's work.

During July and August the Sunday School was held in the morning.

All the other children who are able, work in the holidays, some of the boys on boats, and girls in the vegetable and fruit stores or on the farms picking berries and fruits, so it is not easy to hold group meetings for the young people. However, the Women's Auxiliary met as usual.—*Gertrude Scott, Victoria, B.C.*

Our Little Jewish Sisters

''HOW funny! I never heard of such a thing as a Jewish girl believing in Jesus.'' One Jewish girl, I know, finds herself, in the eyes of her Gentile class-mate, as something along the order of a unique specimen. One speculates a good deal about the Gentile girl's source of religious training—if any. From chance remarks, it is easy to gather that ''believing'' is a frequent subject for discussion at school. It is all quite frank, and free from any taint of sanctimoniousness. Not so many years ago, any Jewish girl who would broach the subject of Christianity, was looked upon by her friends as not quite nice. We do praise our Heavenly Father that this attitude is passing, though traces of it may be found yet. We heard a Hebrew-Christian boy being discussed recently by some Jewish women and it is difficult to convey the pity in the speaker's voice who said ''Just imagine a *nice* boy like that going to Sunday School.''

So our little Jewish sisters have a dearly bought faith. Some inquisitive person asked one of the girls if it was hard to believe. There is a pause while the memory of many lovely conflicts shadows her eyes, but the answer is simple enough, and pathetic in its simplicity, ''Oh yes, it was hard, at first.'' Our heart yearns over each of them. One expresses such a world of shy gladness in ''Yes, oh yes, I believe.'' Another, whose father flies into a rage if anyone dares to mention Isaiah 53; but whose mother finds comfort for her many sorrows in singing ''Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine''; a third, who is known in the group as one who prays when she is worried; a fourth, whose flair for jazz is gradually being transferred (and transformed) to the brighter hymns; and so on through the group, each one a gallant little soul battling her way through to that treasurer of faith that some of us, alas, prize so lightly.

No doubt we are prejudiced, but we are inclined to be proud of the fact that our girls take their ''Church-going rather seriously''—the older ones will be found at the Young People's Society Monday night; most of them come to prayer meeting Tuesday night; strangely enough, several find an excuse to come to the latter part of the Mother's meeting, Wednesday afternoon, and then they all are back for their own meeting at night and of course Sunday School and service on Sunday.

We do commend them to your prayers.—*Annie A. Zeidman, Scott Institute, Toronto.*

Originality

HOW ONE CAMP PRESENTED MISSION WORK

BOUNDARY Park on Lake Winnipeg, sixty miles from Winnipeg, was the scene of a delightful summer camp. Forty-nine girls were in attendance besides a staff of fifteen. They followed the regular camp programme of Bible study and different interest groups, Mrs. J. S. Hutchison leading the study every afternoon on Church History and Missionary work. One interesting event was the demonstration of Welcome and Welfare work at the port. The girls were dressed as immigrants, with the exception of two who acted as deaconesses. Another afternoon they had a demonstration of a Council Executive meeting. This provided a novel half hour and appealed to the girls more than a direct address. Undoubtedly the most memorable event was the Covenanting Service. It was held under the trees, Mrs. Hutchison leading the singing with the tuning fork, Mrs. Mackenzie of ''All People's Mission'' giving a splendid address on the faith and courage of the covenanters. Worship was led every day by Mrs. Howe, of Brandon.—*Mamie Todd.*

Presbyterian Girls' Camp, Boundary Park, Manitoba.

WAIT ON

To talk with God,
No breath is lost,—
Talk on!

To walk with God,
No strength is lost,—
Walk on!

To wait on God,
No time is lost,—
Wait on!

—*Dnyanodaya, India, Record of Christian Work.*

One Long Thanksgiving

AT last we are in the new W.M.S. house and are so happy. How can we ever thank the W.M.S. for fulfilling a dream we have had for more than three years. The house itself is all that one could desire. Everything is convenient and lovely.

The air here in the hills is delightful and the view beyond words for loveliness—the whole city of Kobe at our feet, and beyond, stretching far as eye can see, lies the sea, while behind us and on one side rise majestic mountains with a deep gorge on the other side between us and the mountains. To awaken in the morning to the music of the birds is a real joy and at night to look on the myriad of twinkling lights below and the stars above is another joy so that our days ought to be one long thanksgiving.

New W.M.S. House, Kobe, Japan.

My teacher and I have been at Kyoto for women's Bible classes and had a couple of days in each of the three Churches. There were over 20 at the morning classes. In the evenings the men came too, although the meetings were especially for women.

Just after we moved, the annual district meeting of the Korean Church was held in Osaka and following that we had a whole day of prayer, praise and testimony at Mr. Young's home. The pastor and Bible women of the district were all there and it was a day of real blessing. Miss Burdick was with us just at that time and we were so pleased to have for our first guest, a W.M.S. missionary.

I wish I could tell you some of the fine answers the women at the Moribe Bible classes gave, and some of the testimonies to the saving power of our Lord, and show you some of the faces shining with joy reflected from hearts given to the Master.

We expect to have vacation schools in over 40 places again this year.

The kindergartens are all going well, with more children than ever before.—*Jean C. MacLean, Kobe, Japan.*

In Grateful Appreciation

Pouce Coupe, B.C.,
June 28th, 1933.

Miss Hazel Macdonald,
Our Guide Captain:

IT is with deepest regret and a sensibility of our losing a wonderful friend and leader that we seize this opportunity of expressing to you our appreciation and the regard in which we hold you.

We recognize that we owe you much for the many good times we have had together and the influence you have had upon us. Oh, those wonderful days at camp! we'll never forget them, nor how much they were due to your untiring efforts.

We know that you must be glad, as we are, that we can be with you here to-day, full-fledged and proud in our new uniforms.

In gratitude for the interest you have always taken in us, and the help you have ever been so ready to give, we ask you to accept, as a token of our regard and love, this bouquet. The ladies of your Committee and several others who are interested in Guide work join with us in making this presentation, and in wishing you a happy vacation and success in your new field.

The Pouce Coupe Girl Guides.

(Signed)

LILLIAN McLEOD	MARIE WILLIAMS	GERTRUDE BURKS	PAT FAIRLIE
VERA DIXON	RUTH JOHNSON	AUDREY RIGDEN	ALEEN SEARCY
GEORGETTE LALOGE	LILLIAN HARPER	ETHEL DIXON	YVONNE TREMBLAY

A Chinese Woman's Gratitude

This tribute to a W.M.S. Secretary was written by Mrs. Mark Kwing, who is now in China. Her daughter, Jean, is teaching physical education at Soo Chow University.

I AM very grateful to you for your kind letter. You have said a lot of kind things about me which I really don't deserve. It was my duty to do a little bit to help the poor sufferers in my country. It was you, and your colleagues that deserve any praise for the work done in the Chinese women's sewing class as well as the other branches of the Christian work among our countrywomen. I often have talked with my friends how faithful you have been with us for the last few years. It gives me inspiration as well as confidence in Christianity by knowing some one who devotes most of her valuable time to help others. I shall never forget what you have done for the Chinese women in Toronto and those in China whom we have tried to serve. It was hard to understand what our Lord had said some two thousand years ago, "I come not to be ministered unto but to minister,'' until I observe some of His followers who sacrifice time and money in order to make others happy, then I came to a conclusion that Christianity is practicable.

Presbyterian Leaders Meet

''ONE of the best conferences held so far'', was the description of the 6th annual Conference of Leaders in Sunday School and Young People's work which met in Huntingdon in July under the auspices of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa, with Dr. A. S. Reid in charge.

Some slight idea of the feast of good things prepared for the delegates is seen in the programme which included: a course of five lectures on Principles of Teaching, based largely on the methods used in the gospels by the Great Teacher, by Rev. Norman MacLeod, Brockville; two lectures by Rev. L. A. Fowler, Lancaster, on Epochs in Church History; five lectures on the Life and Missionary Journeys of St. Paul, by Dr. Kannawin, Toronto; four lectures on Boys' Work, by Dr. A. M. Hill, Verdun; while Miss O. Mary Hill, Girls' Work Secretary, gave a course of lectures and conducted several conferences with leaders of girls' work. Dr. McLean, Huntingdon, following up his course on Literature and Religion, gave 3 lectures dealing with Immortality, particularly as treated by several of the great English poets.

An important feature of the Conference was the presence and contribution of Miss Whatling, W.M.S. missionary at Jhansi, India, who in a vivid manner set forth the conditions to be faced by the missionaries and their methods of operation.

In addition, there were recreation periods, under the direction of Mrs. Craig, Verdun, delightful receptions at the School Residence, with Mrs. Gouldthorpe and Mrs. A. S. Reid as hostesses, a lawn social at the beautiful summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rowat, at Dewittville, an impromptu concert and a memorable Sabbath Service.

THANKS FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Acknowledging her appointment as half-time worker among the Ukrainian people, in Toronto, Mrs. Fesenko, formerly Miss Julia Maystrowich, says: ''I express my thanks to the Board, for the reappointment to continue my work in the Mission, which I love very much.''

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I just came back from Riverside Church Circle meeting. There was only one member absent. They suggested having a garden party before I left. I am going to miss these people. They have been lovely to work with.—*Hazel Macdonald.*

More Reasons for Thanksgiving

YOU will be interested to know that the mother of the little boy whose story is in January *Glad Tidings,* comes to the Bible classes regularly and also attends Church services regularly. It is a great joy to me to see the children's mothers seeking to follow Jesus.

Last week the kindergarten teacher at Maribe came and asked if I would go out and organize a W.M.S., so Mrs. Kim and I went. The group is promising and will doubtless be enthusiastic. There are 18 members. I was thrilled about it, for there had been no urging on my part, whatever, and I feel that the women were led by God to desire this organizing of themselves into a group of His workers.

I have attended 6 kindergarten graduations this year, and, in my eyes at least, each one was nearly perfect. In all, there were 54 graduates, and I got a thrill at each one when presenting the diplomas, the children were lovely and so very serious about it all.
—*Jean C. MacLean, Kobe, Japan.*

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We have more pupils in the school this year than ever before. We have always been wishing to reach the hundred mark and now we have twenty more. The pupils are happy, too, for, to them, numbers are a sign of progress. We had Communion the first of June and 6 girls from our school and 2 from the Women's School joined the Church, also 7 new girls joined the Christian Endeavor.—*Dorothy Douglas, Tamsui.*

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One reason for Thanksgiving is the way the young people availed themselves of the study courses in camp. Another is the increasing sense of responsibility among our Presbyterial officers. A third is the gratitude expressed by Mission Band leaders for the training course that is being prepared to help them in leadership.—*P. B. Lamont.*

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We are glad to report that Mary Dreaver, daughter of Chief Dreaver, has successfully passed her grade VIII examinations and next term she is to be sent to Saskatoon Technical Collegiate. Her father is a returned soldier.—*Rev. Wm. Moore, Mistawasis, Sask.*

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Never has the work among the Chinese in Canada been so full of promise. Everywhere the missionary is welcome. Everywhere there is increased interest in the gospel message.—*Rev. D. A. Smith, Vancouver.*

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I have been taking all the obstetrical cases at the hospital since Miss Senior left. I have been so very thankful for my training in midwifery, it has been of immense value to me. I love the work in the hospital, and the longer I am there the more I realize what a wonderful opportunity it affords to know the people and win their confidence. It is a pleasure to just see and hear the Bible women teaching and cheering the patients.—*Hildur Hermanson, Formosa.*

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I was present at the dedication of the new church at Jobat. It was a very great occasion. The collections that day were to go towards a memorial window for Mrs. McDonald, which is quite fitting.

They hope to start their church in Barwani soon.

Rain came on July 14th. It had begun to look very bad for this part of the country and the papers were full of the prospect of famine. However, in less than a week the whole outlook has changed. In Dohad, there is a great deal of work going on to give relief to the poor people. The municipality tries to give work to one in every family.

School Children, Amkhut, India.

Our school attendance keeps up. Two of the girls who came home this year are taking primary classes. One of our Bible School girls is taking some of those who do not succeed very well with English for sewing during the English classes, another is starting a little primary class in Barwani under the supervision of Mrs. Toombs. Tara who had two years at Khandwa Normal is teaching at Jobat for Miss Douglas. They have quite a fine little school there.—*M. H. Williamson, Amkhut.*

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''Four teachers are very comfortably settled in the new unit of our teachers' hostel.''—*Catherine Moodie, Jhansi.*

One of the first pupils to graduate from the Presbyterian Residence, New Liskeard, wishes to enter South Porcupine Hospital and serve those in her own home land who need care. We have so many applications that we cannot accommodate them all, but are taking as many as possible. There will be 8 boys and 10 girls.—*M. Robertson, New Liskeard.*

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Friday we had an appendix operation, six tonsil cases and an accident case. All week we have been rushing babies into the world. The first part of the week we had 7 mothers and babies, now we have 4.—*Mary Cuddy, Canora Hospital.*

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This is our record month; if nothing happens we will have had 53 patients, which is not bad for a hospital as small as this.—*South Porcupine Hospital.*

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In July we had 5 major and 2 minor operations, and 7 babies. The majority were paying cases. Some of the farmers who were unable to pay brought in chickens, wild Saskatoons or raspberries. The furniture given by the Hospital Aid for the private ward, consisting of bedside table, wash stand, dresser and chair, all of mahognay finish, is very nice and, with the 2 rugs and floor lamp, makes the room much more cosy and comfortable. The new curtains for both private wards are lovely.—*Vegreville Hospital.*

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About 400 quarts of vegetables have been put down and we still have enough vegetables in the garden to last a long time. This year three boys kept the garden weeded during the summer holidays. We expect about 30 pupils in this week, and a few others later on. Vegreville Exhibition was held August 4th and 5th. We entered several things and got 1 first, five second and 1 third prize, also a ten dollar prize for a decorated stand with vegetables, fruits and baking on it. The cash will be divided among the children, and will go for their books and other little things they require. The full amount received was $16.50.—*Miss A. McKee, Vegreville Residence.*

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Last year there were 33 children at the Chinese kindergarten in Montreal and the same number is expected this year. There is splendid cooperation with the Churches.

Miss Agnes Mark, a graduate in Occupational Therapy of the University of Toronto, went to Shanghai, in July, to take a position as head of that department in the Shanghai Red Cross Hospital. This is an entirely new departure in China, and Miss Mark is starting the work there. She was one of Cooke's Presbyterian Church Sunday School children and is one of many who were born in Toronto and have gone back to China to take important positions.—*Agnes I. Dickson.*

Among the in-patients a great deal of evangelistic work is done by Mrs. Yap, herself a patient. The summer vacation Bible Schools are growing each year. Last year there were 17 with a total enrollment of 417. There are nearly 300 children in attendance at the kindergartens.

In May, a visit was made to our most southern Church in Central Formosa. Here there was a very large class of 40 women and children, who came every day for two to three hours' study. Four of this class are hoping to enter the Women's School.

There are 23 Formosan nurses, 4 graduates and 19 pupil nurses in Mackay Memorial Hospital. A great reason for Thanksgiving would be if a woman doctor could be secured for the Mackay Memorial Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa.

In 1932, 92 pupils were enrolled, 82 in the High School, and 10 in the Preparatory Department; 14 girls were graduated; 8 girls became active members of the Christian Endeavor and 4 united with the Church, 3 of whom were from Christian families.

In the Women's School 38 women have received instruction during the year, 5 are aboriginal women. Their greatest difficulty is that of language. Nevertheless, they understand the Christian love that the other women students display toward them.

Every congregation in Formosa has a Sunday School. There are 3,000 pupils altogether.—*Formosa Report.*

At Work in a New Field

AT three o'clock the women had a special meeting in their new church at Grande Prairie to welcome me. Twenty-four were present. In the evening, prayer meeting was held at which 19 were present. I played the organ and gave the talk. They have a lovely little church and a fine group of people.

On Saturday we left for Wanham, an 80 mile drive, saw the little house I am to occupy, then on to Heart Valley where we were to hold service on Sunday morning. It rained all night and you should have seen the roads. I never saw mud so deep before. We did not expect many people at our service as the farms are miles apart, however, there were 16 of us! Mr. Wright took the service, while I told a story to the children.

We then went on to another farm for lunch. It certainly was hard driving and before we could start again Mr. Wright and the farmer had to take off one of the wheels to get the mud out. He said there was about 100 lbs. We hadn't gone more than a mile when the car skidded right into the ditch and he couldn't move it. However, we got a team to haul it out and slowly made our way—sometimes sideways—to the next farm house for supper. Then on to the community hall of Wanham for service, but only the farmer, and his wife, at whose house we had supper, were brave enough to attempt these roads. Mr. Wright encouraged me by saying that was the worst I would ever get.

I am holding S.S. service in Wanham at 10.00 and 11.00, then go to Heart Valley for S.S. at 2.30 and service at 3.30. I would like to have S.S. and service in the evening at Westvale, five miles from Heart Valley. Last Sunday, at Wanham, we had 10 in Sunday School and 19 at the service.

Distances are great here. I've walked on an average of eight miles a day and then only visited three or four families. To-day I went through 2 miles of bog to get to a family—a mother and four wee children. Her husband is away all day, before that, she was alone from Monday to Saturday. Twice forest fires surrounded their home, once she had to flee with three wee ones to the village, leaving her husband to fight the fire. Once she saw a bear in the woods and still she stays on. Truly the people up here need the spiritual help our Church can give.

At Heart Valley they have never had a Sunday School, that may account for only 10 children being present last Sunday, but at service we had 30. It certainly did one good to see the families come in, fathers and mothers and children. I'm looking forward to my work there. The people are all very kind.—*Margaret Grigor, Wanham, Alta.*

True Missionary Fellowship

IT was a little Church, set in the heart of a lovely country. There were only 10 families on the roll and 7 members in the W.M.S., but the missionary spirit was 100 per cent. strong, for every woman in the congregation was either a member of the W.M.S. or a Home Helper. They seldom had a speaker and they longed for one, ''but, who,'' they said, ''would come to address 7 women?'' But God put it into the heart of a missionary woman summering near, to say, ''This one thing I will do,'' and she secured an organist, two beautiful singers, and a speaker, and for one hour on a glorious summer day that little Church was holy ground for the local women and their 5 visitors.

''We are so glad to escape missions in our vacation time,'' said the one who planned the meeting, ''yet there are times when the city woman may find an opportunity at her door from which she will receive far more inspiration than she gives, by sharing her ability for an afternoon with her rural sister. It is a change for both and makes for true missionary fellowship.''

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

THE new Mission Band study book, ''Flowers in Far Fields,'' is now ready for sale, and we would urge all Bands to begin its use this fall, so as to keep abreast with each book as it is issued. This is a two year book, and contains a great many new suggestions, as well as the Contest information, and ideas for the Beginners' Bands. The Suggestions for Leaders' department should be helpful.

IF I LIVED IN INDIA, is the new study book for Girls' Groups, and with it, for 35c., there is included a book of suggested study helps for the leaders.

THE SEVEN SEAS OF SERVICE, for Auxiliaries, will be in use for another year, and the study of our task abroad in the second part of the book should make interesting programme material, especially with the helps available in the way of new books on the problems of the far east.

THE LEADERSHIP OF ADULT MISSION STUDY GROUPS, by T. H. P. Sailer, is a new book for Presidents and leaders of study groups which contains some splendid missionary ideas. In paper it is 35c.

THEY WENT FORTH, by John McNab, M.A., B.D., S.T.B. This new book should be in every Presbyterian home, and library. It is a graphic story told in an interesting style of many of the leading Canadian Missionary Pioneers of our Church. From John Geddie, of the South Seas, to Dr. Caroline Macdonald, of Japan, chapter after chapter contains the adventure and thrill which led these pioneers to go forth in the great cause. Paper edition for study groups $1.00, cloth $1.50.

A number of other new books have arrived. Write for our new book list, to Publications Department, Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto.

A Warning

BEFORE it gets any later in the year it may be wise to let our membership know how we stand financially in comparison with 1932. By so doing all may know how much effort requires to be made before the year closes.

Up to August 31st, 1932, we received from the Provincials $54,110.14, while till August 31st, 1933, we received $49,223.59, a decrease of $4,886.55. Till that date every Provincial is behind except Alberta and British Columbia. Considering everything we are not doing badly and in the three months left to us we should do better .

—*Mrs. D. Strachan, Treasurer.*

Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, we would approach Thee with hearts overflowing with gratitude for Thy great goodness to us throughout the year. Thou hast blessed our land again with the harvest. The forest and seas and mines have yielded their riches. Thou hast given us the blessing of the sanctuary, the home, schools and colleges, and instilled into the hearts of people ideals of justice and human service. We praise Thee for our King and our Empire, which is built upon the foundation of freedom and the fear of God. We thank Thee for all who by wisdom and gentleness have led little children into the light of Thy love and hast implanted in their little hearts gratitude for Thy gospel and a desire to help other little children. We thank Thee for summer schools, camps and conferences which have been used for the training and strengthening of girls and leaders. We thank Thee for our missionaries at home and abroad and for their gracious ministry, and commend to Thy protection those who are journeying to their fields. Fit and prepare for life's duties all students and those who are in training for service. Guide them in their preparation, enriching the gifts they already possess and supplying those they lack. Remember the destitute, and the sorrowful. Forgive us wherein we have failed to thank Thee as we ought and grant that Thy benefits to us may be used in service for Thee. Amen.

Let Us Also Pray For:

Journeying mercies for Miss Whatling, Miss Stringer and Miss Sherrick, on their way to India, and Dr. MacBean who has just sailed for China;

Miss Hazel Macdonald, taking up entirely new work at Prince Albert; Miss Grigor, who is doing pioneer work in the Peace River district; Miss Hazel Armstrong, who has assumed charge of W.M.S. work at the Chinese Institute, Toronto; Miss Violet Scott, that she may be restored to health and given strength for the great service awaiting her in Calgary;

Miss Elizabeth Geddes, the new Superintendent of the Residence at Saskatoon; Miss Isabel Gibson, newly-appointed matron at the Boys' Residence, Vegreville; Rev. E. H. and Mrs. Lockhart, the new Superintendent and Matron of the Birtle Residential School;

Miss Mora MacLeod, the new teacher at ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian School, Kenora.

YOUNG WOMEN

THE WAITING YEAR

WHEN Autumn flings her banners wide upon October air,
All nature seems to thank its God for making life so fair;
The hills go robed in amethyst, the trees are dressed in fire.
The very air seems thrilling with a passionless desire.

We somehow feel that God on high must love this season best;
He holds it as a mother holds her babe close to her breast.
The pressure of His hand is on all nature like a prayer—
When Autumn flings her banners wide upon October air.

—*Margaret E. Sangster.*

THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING

PROBABLY to a great many of us, the giving of thanks is a sort of perfunctory ordinance. We celebrate Thanksgiving Day because we have fallen into the habit of it, losing sight of the spirit in which it was inaugurated—the true spirit of gratitude for blessings that are ours. We need a little extra zest to be thankful this year; for we are the spoiled children of a great, rich, young country. True, we have been undergoing a season of discipline, the like of which Britain and Europe and Asia have known, off and on, for hundreds of years; and we are full of self-pity.

Let us remember that the discipline was necessary and adjust ourselves to conditions. Let us show a little of the brave gallantry of the cavalier, and the unfaltering, stern, enduring courage of the Pilgrim Fathers and our pioneer forbears. Let us give a thought to our relative blessings compared with the rest of the world. Perhaps we have been a little bit selfish with our wealth; have not been good stewards and this is an opportunity to share our blessings that would never come as long as prosperity abounded. Let us look always for something, however small, for which we are able to lift our hearts in thanksgiving, saying to ourselves, ''This one thing I give thanks for!'' And so on to Thanksgiving—with a pioneer spirit, with a little more sturdiness, a little more energy and ability to persevere, a little more love for others, a little more graciousness and joy in the everyday details of life, a little more prayer and gratitude for the prosperity and happiness of our country, our Church and our Society.

Success Suggestions

Radiate a joy in missionary work. If your Auxiliary is a happy band of workers, others will be attracted. Happiness and joy are your greatest assets, in Christian service.—*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

''Now sing we a song for the harvest:
Thanksgiving and honor and praise
For all that the bountiful Giver
Hath given to gladden our days.''

THANKSGIVING Day or the Harvest Home celebration centres in this one idea however variously it may be observed in different lands. It may prove a surprise to learn that the girls of India have a somewhat similar festival although it occurs early in March. Then the Hindu women and girls carry their offerings of blossoms or grain to the various river gods whom they hold responsible for the beauty and bounty of the fertile valleys. Like our Thanksgiving, it is a season of rejoicing for those who may partake. But there lies the great difference. All of the girls are not privileged to share in the observance. Some are already widows and, upon such, the river gods do not smile. The glad season of their Thanksgiving is gone forever since these less fortunate girls have no knowledge of the fruits of the spirit which our ''bountiful Giver'' has the power to bestow—love, joy, peace.

Project for 1933-34.—Already the girls' organizations registered with the Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, will have received Miss Hill's field letter in which she has made mention of this year's project. For those who may have failed to receive a copy the reference is quoted:-

''This next year, 1934, will mark the seventieth anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society, and there is to be a very special contest. Two prizes will be offered as usual—one for Intermediate groups and one for Seniors—for the best pageant based on the study book.* It can be very simple but must be a group effort and not the work of a leader or one girl. The study of this book, the writing of the pageant and the presentation of it, would make an excellent missionary education project.''

A library on India.—In every community, there must be W.M.S. members who have old magazines and former study books which they would gladly put at the disposal of your group for the asking. Some of them may not be up to date in every particular, as every year sees change and advance, but for historical facts, biography and general information, these may prove helpful.

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* "If I Lived in India," by M. L. Christlieb.

The Heart of India, J. T. Taylor, gives a splendid account of the religions and people in chapters 2 and 3. *The Clash of Colour,* Basil Mathews, pp. 83-88, describes the Mohammedan invasion; pp. 93-100, story of Mahatma Gandhi. *Young Islam on Trek,* Basil Mathews, pp. 36-42, tells about Mohammed. *The Royal Road,* W.M.S. Publications, pp. 140-144, gives the story of the Bhils and the coming of Dr. Buchanan to Amkhut Valley; pp. 147-149, tells of Rev. John Wilkie, D.D., and the Gwalior mission, Jhansi. Leaflet, *Life of Pandita Ramabai. Treasure Hunts in Treasure Lands,* W.M.S. Publications, Part I. *Brave Adventurers,* K. S. Cronk, Chapter 8 has the story to tell of a boy in an Indian village. *Ambassadors of Good Will,* W.M.S Publications, Chapter 4, is devoted to India. Files of *The Glad Tidings* and *Presbyterian Records,* have many interesting items told by missionaries. *India, John Stoddard's Lectures,* has vivid descriptions and illustrations. Railway offices supply folders abounding in facts and pictures.

Groups wishing to send Christmas greetings or picture postcards to the fields may be glad to know how mail should be addressed.

To the Gwalior Mission: — (W.M.S missionaries) — Misses A. L. Whatling, I. Stringer, L. A. Simpson, Catherine Moodie, M. E. McKechnie, Dr. E. H. Thurrott, The Presbyterian Mission, Jhansi, U. P., India.

To the Bhil Field:—(W.M.S. missionaries)—Misses C. Maxwell, M. Williamson, G. M. Sherrick, M. E. Soutar, Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Amkhut, Ali Rajpur, Central India; also Misses E. I. Douglas, B. M. MacMurchy, I. M. Errey, Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Jobat, via Dohad, Central India.

Letters to Miss Isabel McConnell, of Jobat, should be addressed to Room 700, 372 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario, while Miss McConnell is on furlough. —M.J.G.

MISSION BANDS

THE WHEAT SEED

MRS. A. R. RIDDELL

IT was springtime in Saskatchewan. Nancy, who had always lived in a city, had just come to visit her aunt and uncle at their big prairie farm. How thrilling it was to see everything bursting into life and to run about and play in the warm sunshine! She liked best of all to watch her uncle and the men plough the long straight furrows and sow the wheat. They worked from daylight until dark, and she spent long hours watching them plant the seeds in the soft, warm earth.

"Do you know, Nancy," said her aunt, "in each little seed there is a present. It is God's gift to every plant. He has buried a spark of life deep in the heart of every seed. Very soon now that spark will burst forth and you can watch the living, growing wheat."

First thing every morning Nancy ran out of doors to look at the deep furrows. For a little while she was disappointed for there was nothing to see, then, one morning, to her delight, she saw frail little green shoots poking up through the earth. How quickly they grew! Each day they were taller and stronger, they seemed to be trying to stretch right up to the sky.

When the warm summer days came Nancy still loved to watch the wheat growing in the fields. When the wind was blowing she loved to see it swaying in the breeze, when the sun shone the wheat seemed to be drinking it in and smiling back again, and after a rain storm how fresh and strong it looked. She often walked in the fields and she thought she could hear the heads of wheat talking to each other.

''What a lovely rain that was last night,'' one would say, ''how refreshed I feel.'' Other times she might hear, ''What glorious sunshine! I just want to grow and grow and grow.'' Or, ''I am so glad we are having the lovely breeze to-day, I was getting stiff and this makes me so supple.''

Often in the late summer Nancy would hear the wheat talking about the harvest time. Each head of wheat seemed to be trying to grow strong and straight and have lots of seeds. Nancy asked her aunt about it, her aunt said, ''That is because each head of wheat wants to do its part in God's wonderful plan to feed the world. Each head of wheat, you know, has grown from one little seed, and on each head there are now a great many new seeds. Some heads of wheat are longer than others because some have increased thirty, some sixty and some a hundred fold. The wheat gives us food for the winter months also seeds to plant again next year.''

''This is very much like God's plan to send the story of Jesus to all parts of the world. Each girl and boy is like a little seed and has a spark of life in his or her heart. When girls and boys give their hearts to Jesus it is like planting the seed in the earth. Jesus cannot use girls and boys as His Messengers unless they first give their own hearts to Him. Then He sends the sunshine and the rain too, and girls and boys grow straight and strong like the wheat and they too can help to send the gospel story through our missionaries to all parts of the world.''

Nancy thought about this a long time. She saw her uncle cut the wheat and gather it in, she saw vegetables and fruit being stored up for the winter and the wood, too, being piled high. Everywhere Nature was giving abundantly of her very best for the comfort and support of man. Nancy remembered that Thanksgiving day came at harvest time. She thought of all the good things God had given her and resolved that she would try to be like the little wheat seed. She would give her heart to Jesus and grow straight and strong so that she, too, might be one of

His little messengers and help to send the story of His love to the other children of the world.

''For air and sunshine, pure and sweet,
We thank our Heavenly Father;
For grass that grows beneath our feet,
We thank our Heavenly Father;
For lovely flowers and blossoms gay,
For trees and woods in bright array,
For birds that sing in joyful lay,
We thank our Heavenly Father.

For leafy trees with fruit and shade,
We thank our Heavenly Father;
For things of beauty He has made,
We thank our Heavenly Father;
For daily blessings, full and free,
For leading where we cannot see,
For all His care o'er you and me,
We thank our Heavenly Father.

For Jesus born a little child,
We thank our Heavenly Father;
For Jesus loving kind and mild,
We thank our Heavenly Father;
For Jesus Christ, the children's Friend,
Who to us all His love doth send,
For Him Who helps us to the end,
We thank our Heavenly Father.''

—''*Child Songs*'' *by Carey Bonner.*

PROVINCIAL NEWS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

WESTMINSTER P.S.—The Mission Band Leader's Council, of Vancouver, met at Kitsilano Beach, July 21, to bid farewell to Miss Margaret Grigor, who was leaving for the Peace River country. After supper Miss Grigor received a small remembrance from the leaders.

The summer camp for the boys and girls of Westminster Presbyterial, held at Keat's Island, proved most successful.

Fairview Auxiliary held their August meeting at Kitsilano Beach.

At the half-yearly meeting of Robertson Church W.M.S., excellent departmental reports were presented. Mrs. J. F. MacLean spoke on the ''Work of an Itinerant Deaconess.'' A Life Membership was presented to Miss Meiklejohn.

Fairview W.M.S. held their annual Home Helpers' meeting. Mrs. W. C. MacBeth presided and Mrs. W. F. McLean, gave the address.

Richmond Church Auxiliary, Vancouver, entertained their Home Helpers at the manse. After the meeting a social hour followed. The 4th Annual Rally of the Y.W. Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial was held in Kerrisdale Church with 68 present. Greetings were brought from the Provincial, Presbyterial Society and C.G.I.T. groups. An interesting talk was given by Miss Greenbank, a missionary teacher from Japan. The gathering then broke up into discussion groups and later, the findings of these groups were brought before the whole meeting. Games and a humorous sketch by Gordon Auxiliary closed an enjoyable evening.

Mrs. W. C. MacBeth presided at Fairview Church W.M.S. Mrs. T. Deas reported the Presbyterial gathering. ''The Hungarians in Canada'' was the subject of study.

Mrs. J. W. Dill, of Toronto, has been a welcome visitor in some parts of the Kootenays also Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterials.

ONTARIO

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THIS month sees us well launched into our fall Thank-offering meetings. One of our rural members in Bruce and Owen Sound raised an orphan lamb to be sold for her Thank-offering. Prices were low, the lamb was held, now there are three, what a fine fat offering this will be!

Are our members getting in touch with the new students coming to their town and church? It may be their first time away from home. May we suggest a menu of warm heart garnished with bits of home life, if we are to have a wholesome influence over these young people.

Is your Auxiliary making good use of the Lantern Slides, if not, why not? There are sets depicting in detail the work of the Church and our Society at home and overseas. They make an attractive and instructive programme.

Our Young Women's department reports for the first six months of this year—10 new organizations with 128 members. This is splendid, and is a challenge to our established organizations to increase their membership and activities generally.

A young woman, a victim of the times, finding herself with more time than money, got together all her remnants and scraps of cloth, begged more from her friends and made fourteen girls' dresses and many other useful articles, all of which she gave for the bale. Our young women are so interested in the work they have been known to refuse social invitations, rugby matches and other pleasures when they conflict with a meeting or rally. These are real sacrifices to the young and uphold our faith in the modern young woman.

How our family is growing up! Another daughter at Esson, in Barrie Presbyterial, has had her 40th birthday. There was a party, with a big cake ablaze with candles, at Mrs. R. Johnston's country home. Mrs. R. Anderson, Gravenhurst, first President, who was born on this very farm over 83 years ago, was present and told of the first Auxiliary meeting. In those days members thought nothing of walking two and three miles to attend. Money was scarce but they were not discouraged, result—a flourishing Society to-day. Mrs. Adam and Mrs. Fell, members over 80 years of age, were present. The guest of honor, Mrs. J. Tudhope, was honored with a presentation and address of appreciation of her 35 years of service as Secretary. Just once in all those years has this Society failed to meet its allocation and then only by a small margin.

Guelph P.S. is making a special drive for new members. A helpful suggestion was allotting two or three members to each elder's district and doing intensive work.

Mrs. Bain, Gananoque, was honored by her Society for long and faithful service with a Life Membership.

The summer meeting of Kingston Presbyterial was held at Madoc. Results of Home Helpers' work in this Presbyterial are outstanding. A fine illustrated lecture on Manchuria was given by Rev. J. A. Koffend.

An event of interest to the countryside is the annual summer Sunday evening service of the W.M.S. of St. Paul's Church, Vaughan. This year, Dr. W. M. Kannawin gave a splendid address on ''Motives to Missionary Effort.'' The neighboring choir of Woodbridge Church provided the music, a good offering was received for the general fund.

In Seaforth, our Society entertained the babies of the Sunday School cradle roll and their mothers to a picnic on the Church grounds. They had a wonderful time and two of their number were baptized. It is hoped many of the mothers may become interested in our work. This Auxiliary honored two of their members at their summer meeting with Life Membership certificates.

The Belmont Auxiliary, in London Presbyterial, raise their Life Membership money by holding four birthday teas each year and inviting the ladies of the congregation whose birthdays come in the months represented. What a nice idea!

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

Farewell to Missionaries

MONTREAL Presbyterial Executive will long remember the farewell in honor of our three India missionaries—Miss Stringer, Lansdowne, Ont., Principal of the ''Helen Macdonald'' Memorial School, and Miss A. L. Whatling, evangelist, who are returning to the Gwalior Mission, Jhansi, and Miss Mary Sherrick who is going out as a teacher to the Bhil field. The meeting was held in Knox-Crescent Church Hall, September 7. Over 250 W.M.S. representatives and friends of the missionaries were present. Mrs. A. W. Pae presided, Miss C. E. Cameron brought greetings from the Provincial Board, Miss Pelton introduced the missionaries and Dr. A. S. Reid, spoke on our missionary work in India.

The Auxiliary of St. Matthew's have suffered the loss of a devoted worker in the passing, on June 9th, of Miss W. Fraser. For many years Miss Fraser held the office of President and endeared herself, not only to the immediate Auxiliary with which she was connected, but to the entire Presbyterial. Her attractive personality combined with her zeal in the work will long be remembered by her associates.

ADDITIONS TO ANNUAL REPORT

Saskatchewan

Regina P.S.—Eddy Aux. officers—Pres. Mrs. John Malcolm, Treas. Mrs. Phillip Rodenbush, Sec. Mrs. F. Myers, all of Bulyea.

Dunkeld Aux. officers—Pres. Mrs. R. F. Roberts, Cymric; Treas. Miss Effie Parkhill, Cymric; Sec. Mrs. H. H. Smith, Semans.

The Better Prayer

I THANK Thee, Lord, for strength of arm
To win my bread,
And that beyond my need is meat
For friend unfed.
I thank Thee much for bread to live;
I thank Thee more for bread to give.
I thank Thee, Lord, for snug-thatched roof
In cold and storm,
And that beyond my need is room
For friend forlorn.
I thank Thee much for place to rest,
But more for shelter for my guest.
I thank Thee, Lord, for lavish love
On me bestowed,
Enough to share with the loveless folk
To ease their load.
Thy love to me I ill could spare,
Yet dearer is Thy love I share.

—*Source Unknown.*

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London P.S.—Y.W.A., Bethel.

Saskatchewan

Regina P.S.—Eddy Aux., Dunkeld Aux.

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July-August, 1933

RECEIPTS	
A Friend, "Chinese work in Toronto"	$ 65.00
A Friend, "Scholarship for boy in Amkhut School"	25.00
Miss D. McDonald, Ottawa, "Work in Northern Ontario"	10.00
Gift from Missionary to W.M.S. work	80.00
Refund from South Porcupine Hospital	200.00
Legacy from the Estate of Miss Jessie Allen, Toronto	100.00
Payment on McCrea house, Vegreville, Alta.	56.85
Payment on W.M.S. house, Vegreville, Alta.	75.00
Government grant for "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	4,915.41
Government grant for Mistawasis Indian Day School	202.50
Interest	383.14
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	224.64
British Columbia	975.00
Manitoba	204.72
Ontario	8,300.00
	$15,817.26

DISBURSEMENTS	
South Porcupine Hospital	$ 630.00
Canora Hospital	1,203.89
Vegreville	580.00
Chinese in Canada	1,497.39
Government grant, "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	4,915.41
"Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School	1,112.89
Birtle Indian Residential School	1,296.68
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	158.32
Prince Albert	158.32
New Liskeard	233.32
Saskatoon	328.32
Vegreville	218.41
Welcome and Welfare	2,590.85
Publications	1,816.54
Organization	481.66
Library	8.52
Pensions	236.44
Education of Chinese Candidates	213.98
Formosa	1,124.88
South China	628.79
India, Bhil Field	394.14
Jhansi Field	1,232.72
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Editorial Notes

Three Honored Pioneers

THE passing of some lives into the unseen is felt only in a narrow local circle, the passing of other lives sends a sense of loss across continents; the passing of some Church leaders leaves a sense of loss only among the friends within their own denominations, while the passing of others creates a sense of loss among friends. These last may be as loyal as any in the service of their own special denomination but they have so wrought for all inclusive interests of the Kingdom of God as to be truly interested in the extension of that Kingdom. In Mrs. Anna Ross, Mrs. J. M. Douglas and Miss Mary Agnes Snively, the Presbyterian Church and the W.M.S. was blessed with leaders of this larger type. And we take pride in devoting space to honoring their memory. In their life they served well. They kept the faith. Their leadership had the quality of permanence and their influence will abide as an unspent force.

''Since they're with Thee, we may not deem them lost,
Even for a while; to us and to our love,
But prove in holier knowledge of the deeper heart
The blissful fellowship of saints above.''

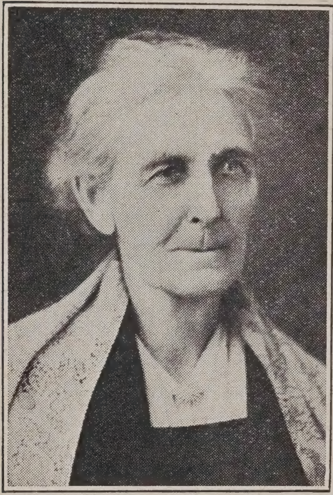
Mrs. Anna Ross

ANNA ISABELLA DUNCAN who passed away in Strasbourg, Sask., on September 6th, was the second daughter of Rev. James Duncan. She was born in 1848 in an English manse, in Warkworth North. Her parents came to Ontario with their family when she was six years old. Mr. Duncan was pastor of Bayfield Road Presbyterian Church, and here she grew up.

Wesleyan Female College, Hamilton, that splendid pioneer institution for women's education, was her alma mater. After a distinguished course she became a teacher there. In 1874, she was promoted to the Brucefield manse. Her husband, John Ross, ''minister of the Gospel,'' died in 1887 leaving her with a family of six small children. Mr. Ross with his congregation remained out of the union of 1875. His stand and witness had deep significance in 1925.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Ross was for years a regular contributor to the *Family Treasury.* During the years of strain and pressure of a country manse, with limited means and the care of children, she never gave up her writing, occasional burning words or inspiring messages finding their way into the religious press. All through her life she committed to memory long portions of the Bible. In later years on many long journeys it was her custom to learn one chapter every day on the train.

She was the first Principal of the ''Ewart Missionary Training School,'' Toronto, and left that institution to become Principal of the ''Presbyterian Ladies' College,'' Ottawa. The impress of her fine intellectuality and deep Christian experience is felt to this day in the lives of many young women who to-day acknowledge gratefully the blessing of her influence upon them.



Mrs. Anna Ross

Later Mrs. Ross became Editor of the *Gwalior Journal,* and founded many prayer circles. The biography of her husband entitled, *The Man With the Book,* was the work of her pen. Probably the most widely circulated of her books is *The New Covenant, a Forgotten Secret.* Hundreds of copies ot this were circulated by the Mildmay Mission in London, England, some years ago. Just before her death a letter came from Africa asking for a copy, the writer had tried to order one but found it out of print. *Prayer a Forgotten Weapon Against Famine,* has met with response from every continent, but she will be remembered best as *The Lady Who Prayed for Rain.*

Amongst her booklets are *Bell's Story,* which is autobiographical; *God's Answer; The Presbyterian Banner and its Battles,* and a *Study of Revelation.* During her last illness she dictated a letter to a Saskatchewan paper urging those who were distressed by the drought to ask the Lord for a ''visit.'' He had never refused while on earth, any one who had invited Him. ''Thou visitest the earth and waterest it. Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God which is full of water.'' The letter had a most kindly editorial comment. The simplicity and reality of the Christian life was made known to many. In writing she used the name ''Anna Ross.''

At the age of 70 she went to Formosa and spent a year and a half with her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Mackay. While there she carried on a school for the missionaries' children.

In May, 1926, she attended the Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, in Saskatoon, and those who were privileged to be present at the wonderful Young People's evening will never forget Mrs. Ross, founder member of the W.M.S. in 1876, as she sat in a frame of gold holding a Bible in her hand, and representing the beautiful introductory picture, ''Our Pioneer Worker.''

Mrs. Ross was an ardent Presbyterian. But the catholicity of her spirit took in all who belong to the Church of Christ. This was reflected at the simple funeral in the Presbyterian Church, Strasbourg, when every denomination was represented by its clergy—Lutheran, United and Anglican. The people of the town and country united to show their love and respect.

Some of her favorite maxims were: ''The two shoes'' of the Christian armor—(1) ''God is managing, and (2) He makes no mistakes.'' ''When do we sing a new song to the Lord?'' ''Each new trouble is an occasion to sing a new song.'' ''We must glory in tribulations''—often spoken during her last illness.

The last words of witness were ''The Lord's my light and saving health''—they came triumphant from far down the valley of shadow—as though she had caught a glimpse of that radiant land where ''glory, glory dwelleth.''

Mrs. J. M. Douglas

CROWNED with the love of the missionary women of Saskatchewan, there passed away in Rokeby, Sask., on September 9th, at the great age of 97, Mrs. Jane Smith, widow of the late Rev. and Senator James Moffat Douglas, pioneer missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian Church to Central India, and first Presbyterian minister to Brandon, Man. Dipping into the history of the past we learn that in August, 1892, the women of St. Andrew's Church, Moosomin, were organized into an Auxiliary, the first in Saskatchewan, and that the President was Mrs. Douglas; that she was instrumental in forming many other Auxiliaries; and in 1924 was Honorary President of Saskatchewan Provincial Society.

We of to-day have little or no conception what the pioneers of the past did for the Church and W.M.S. and the hardships they endured, but we know that the keen mind, and abounding faith of Mrs. Douglas was a great factor in leading the women of Saskatchewan in the work of missions. Although for almost half a century Mrs. Douglas resided in the western provinces, and home missions was very dear to her, India was her ''first love'' and almost with her latest breath was she appealing for the work of that needy land.

To all who mourn these beloved dead we pray God's consolation.

Miss Mary Agnes Snively

"THE Mother of Nursing in Canada,'' Mary Agnes Snively, first woman superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital and Nurses' Training School, passed to her reward on September 26th. Miss Snively was in her 86th year and her death brings sorrow to thousands of Canadian nurses who obtained their training under her wise and inspirational supervision, and to thousands more who revered her as the woman responsible for the high standard of nursing in the Dominion. In fact it has been claimed that Miss Snively did for nursing in this Dominion, work similar to that accomplished in the Old Land by the famous and beloved Florence Nightingale.

Always keenly interested in missionary enterprise, Miss Snively, in 1887, shortly after she came to Toronto, was elected a member of the General Committee of the Presbyterian W.F.M.S.; in 1888, she became a member of the Board of Management; in 1911 and 1912 a Corresponding Member, and in 1903 a member of the first Board of Management of the W.H.M.S. For many years she taught in the Chinese Sunday School and occupied the position of President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church.

With Miss Snively, nursing and her Church were inseparable and with all the wonderful leadership which she gave to her profession,—a leadership which would take all the time of an ordinary person—she yet found time to interest herself in the work of the Kingdom of Heaven, and to direct the thought of her nurses to missionary service.

At the memorial service held in her beloved Calvin Presbyterian Church, her minister, Rev. J. Wasson, speaking of the pioneer work Miss Snively had done for her profession, declared that such work needed the qualities of the diplomat, the organizer and the administrator, all of which she possessed. But he also spoke of her generous giving, her sunset years—tranquil and beautiful—and the finished life ripened by Divine grace.

A Beloved Worker Retires

THE ''Presbyterian All People's Mission,'' formerly known as Gonor Mission, was begun in faith in April, 1921, by Mrs. Ewan MacKenzie, to meet an evident need. It grew steadily and was richly blessed to many lives. Sabbath School was the first endeavor, and there were three schools held. Later two of these combined for the summer months and met in a large tent.

In 1925, further consolidation was effected by securing a small frame building or shack and the three Sabbath Schools met as one. Soon this building became inadequate, and the W.M.S. purchased a lot, had the building moved to it and enlarged to meet the constantly growing needs of the Mission. The opening services were memorable for on that

Sabbath morning the celebration of the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper took place and 17 Sabbath School scholars were received into the Church on profession of faith.

In 1929, a still larger building was erected with the help of the W.M.S. and interested friends and officially opened September 3, 1930. This Church home, so adequate for divine services, Sabbath School, Auxiliary, Mission Band and all the other meetings which were conducted by Mrs. MacKenzie will always be associated with her and be a memorial to her consecrated service among the people of that locality.

And so the work of this Mission, and also that of our deaconess at East Selkirk has accomplished its object—the paving of the way for the Church—and the Board of Missions is now responsible for the carrying on of Divine ordinances in both these places.

On Mrs. MacKenzie's resignation the following resolution of appreciation was sent to her by the Council Executive:

> ''In accepting the resignation of our Missionary, Mrs. Ewan MacKenzie, from the work as head of All People's Mission, of which she was founder, we would place on record our gratitude to God, in that we have been associated for nearly forty years with one whose work has been so signally blessed of God in Hurricane Hills, Saskatchewan, and later in Selkirk, Manitoba. Her labors amongst the Indians in Saskatchewan, in an inhospitable clime, were arduous, especially after the death of Mr. MacKenzie, when for three years, with the highest courage, she continued his work as an evangelist and teacher, and her own woman's work alone. When a rest seemed imperative, the later work beckoned, and notwithstanding the difficulties of the way, her armour was buckled on the more securely, and another notable task, in securing the allegiance of the newcomers along the Red River banks, to Christ and the King, has been accomplished. Her executive ability, the courage and humility and deep spirituality of this loving-hearted Highland mystic have been unsurpassed. Her work has been unusual. There can be no second Mrs. MacKenzie, but she has made possible a great work for the Church and her successor.
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> ''Because of her earnest wish, her resignation must be recorded, but we know that that intrepid soul will still 'go marching on' and that her beloved figure will still be seen upon the road, following in the steps of her Lord, until the day of His 'Well done, good and faithful servant'.''

Miss Yi Fung Wu, Ph.D.

WHEN Colonel Charles Lindbergh visited Ginling College, Nanking, his comment was, ''The best thing I have seen in all China is Ginling.'' Recently Canadians had the privilege of hearing and meeting Dr. Yi Fung Wu, the President of this institution. Dr. Wu comes from a family of official rank in Central China. She graduated in 1919 with the first senior class of Ginling, studied in the United States, winning her Ph.D. and highest honors at the University of Michigan, and in 1928 was elected to the presidency of her alma mater.

Dr. Wu is also Vice-President of the National Christian Council of China and came to America as a delegate to the International Congress of Women in Chicago and to the Institute of Pacific Relations which met in Banff in September.

In character and ability Dr. Wu represents with distinction educated Christian women of China to-day, and was therefore eminently fitted to speak to the members of the Women's Canadian Clubs throughout Canada on "The Changed Woman in Changing China." Pagodas, symbol of Chinese taste, jade, which was connected with Chinese craft, and mandarin coats, now kept to sell to western buyers, are to some western minds—China. But Dr. Wu dispelled this all too common notion with a true and compelling picture of her country and some of its people as they are to-day in a period of great change, struggling to cast off out of date clothes, customs and ideas for new and more modern ones. The changed woman in changing China has stepped outside of the courtyard, and is now helping in the service of her country. She whose voice was not supposed to be heard beyond the home is now in talking news films, and she is having a word to say in the selection of her life partner. She is to be found in modern nursing, public health, social and religious work, in education, politics, journalism and even in law, in banks, in government service and in shops and restaurants.

A distinct tribute to Christian Missions was paid by Dr. Wu when she stated that, as far as modern education for women is concerned, China has a debt to pay to Christian missionaries. They started schools for girls in China as far back as sixty years ago and women in China to-day owe their emancipation and opportunities to education. Chinese women have a rich heritage in their past, a heritage which has taught women through its culture and the patriarchal system, self-control, poise and the ability to handle men. They are learning efficiency from the West and it remains for them to prove their ability now that they have been granted privileges and opportunities.

British and Foreign Bible Society

THE British and Foreign Bible Society has just issued its Year Book. Nothing finer has come from its hands. The title, *Tell the World* is based on the scriptural command: *"O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion get thee up into the high mountains; O thou that tellest good tidings of Jerusalem lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!"* (Isaiah 40: 9).

Vividly, and in fascinating style the writer, John N. Patten, pictures the craving there always has been in the heart of man for news of the world until, to-day, it has resulted in the international mind. The hope is expressed that when the international outlook is established there will be hope for the elimination of war and mankind will live together in unity and peace.

The methods used for spreading news form a story in themselves. The most ancient—the signal fire was used by the Fuegians, the Tasmanians and, in times of border warfare between England and Scotland. Then news was circulated by runners who carried intelligence 300 miles a day. Then by sound of drums as in Africa. The earliest trace of a newspaper was in the days of Julius Cæsar. Auxiliary to the newspaper has come the telegraph, the telephone and wireless communication.

The main message of course is, that, in the Bible, the Bible Society has good news to publish for all the world. We as a Missionary Society acknowledge the valuable service rendered our W.M.S. by the Bible Society. Our members will be glad to hear of the growing interest in Bible reading by the Chinese as described in this issue by Mrs. Burkwall, wife of the General Secretary of the Bible Society in Canton.

Facts and Figures need no comment; those of 1933 speak for themselves. The Bible House in London, England, founded in 1804, for the purpose of encouraging the wider circulation of the Scriptures without note or comment has, during that period, sent out 443 million volumes of the Scriptures to many parts of the world and every month in recent years it has sent out a new translation. Last year 12 new translations were issued—4 for Africa, 6 for Asia, 1 for Europe and 1 for America—a total now of 667. During the year 10,617,470 copies were circulated, an increase of 65,186—a magnificent achievement in the face of adverse conditions. The only sad note is a deficit of $132,665. When this is removed, the Bible Society can circulate the written Word in regions which, as yet, have never known its power.

The Disarmament Conference

HISTORY is being made to-day. We are the historians of to-morrow. A great event in history hangs in the balance and its success or failure depends on the strength of public opinion. If the public says there must be no failure in the Disarmament Conference, and the leaders feel that behind them is an unbroken poplace there will be no failure.

Viscount Cecil, great British statesman, world leader and advocate of peace, in a recent speech in Toronto, said that ''Christianity was the greatest force behind the League of Nations,'' and, although fully realizing that the next few weeks were crucial to work for peace, he added, ''While I see the possibilities of failure I believe the Disarmament Conference will be successful, because the consequences of failure are so terrific; because this will be realized by the foresight of statesmen.''

Peace is a universal question. The spirit of peace should be preached, but it is equally necessary to support the League of Nations as the means of implementing the ideals. The six outstanding points enumerated by the International Consultation Committee on Disarmament are: **No re-armament; substantial reduction of all existing armaments; abolition of all aggressive weapons; limitation of expenditure; international supervision of armaments in all countries; a permanent Disarmament Committee.**

In brief, we are faced with a choice between Controlled Disarmament and Uncontrolled Competition in Armaments. The result of the choice will be World Order or World Chaos. The deciding factor, as already stated, is public opinion.

An outstanding fact, and one we would do well to remember, is that, throughout the world, no group is more interested in peace than women. What can we do—we of this modern world who care?

The ''Glad Tidings'' Speaks

THE 70th anniversary of the formation of the W.M.S. will be celebrated next year. Among the practical suggestions made to mark this important milestone is a 10 per cent. increase in members and a 10 per cent. increase in *Glad Tidings* subscribers. What finer slogan could we have than ''Every woman of the Church a member of the W.M.S., and every member of the W.M.S. a subscriber to *Glad Tidings.*''

November is the month when subscriptions are renewed and new subscribers sought. To help you in this drive ''promotion'' circulars have been sent to the Presbyterial *Glad Tidings* Secretaries for distribution among the Auxiliaries and if you do not get them or hear of them ask for them. A verse accompanies these circulars; this is for the encouragement of the magazine Secretaries.

The *Glad Tidings* is the only woman's magazine in our Church and is vitally important to the life of the Church and the cause of missions. These are times of world wide trouble and depression and every Christian man, woman and child should be experiencing sympathetic, compassionate fellowship with all nations and all peoples. If we have only the ''mite'' to share it should be shared. If we have only one prayer to give, is not that the greatest of gifts? Samuel said ''God forbid that I should *sin against the Lord* in ceasing to pray for you!'' But, blind prayer or blind gifts can never have the same power in God's hands as those that are given with personal interest and individual Christian love. It is that we may not ''see through a glass darkly'' but face to face that *Glad Tidings* is printed. Our W.M.S. is a part of the Church. Therefore *Glad Tidings,* the voice of the W.M.S., is of the Church and for the Church. And the Church is YOU.

Welcome guests at Council Executive recently were Miss McConnell, Jobat, India; Miss Wenger, South Porcupine; Mrs. A. Robertson, Vegreville.

Field Work and Field Workers

IN considering our Field Work and our Field Secretaries—the leading topic of this number—naturally the first question is: What is a Field Secretary? The answer is as short as it is beautiful. A Field Secretary is among us as one who serves, her one aim being to advance the highest and best interests of our Society.

This office is not of recent origin, it was created as far back as 1904. The account of its beginning is to be found in "Our Jubilee Story" which was published to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the organization of the W.M.S. In chapter II which deals with "The Formation of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society," we read:

> "As we approach the twenty-fifth year, we are at the close of the century, a time full of memorable references to great events, notably to the great missionary operations of the Nineteenth Century, the greatest missionary century since the time of the early Christian Church."
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> "The settling of the Great West country and British Columbia, opened up immense districts, and as congregations and Presbyteries were formed, Auxiliaries, Bands and Presbyterials followed. . . . It began to be felt, as the Church enlarged its borders, that much might be gained by engaging a Field Secretary to assist Presbyterial officers, and especially for the development of the work in the West, where congregations were so widely separated from one another. Just at this time—1904—Miss Margaret Jamieson, missionary at Ujjain, Central India, was at home on furlough, and, as the state of her health prevented her from returning to India, the Board appointed her temporarily to this branch of work. This appointment was confirmed by the Annual Meeting the following year. Miss Jamieson did noble pioneer service for a period of seven years. On her retirement in 1912, Miss McGregor, a teacher in the Birtle School, was appointed in her place, and carried on a splendid work as Travelling Secretary through the remaining years of the W.F.M.S."

In 1925, when our Church divided on the question of Union, our W.M.S. found itself without Field Secretaries. The breach, however, was filled by Miss Laura K. Pelton, of Montreal, who offered her services voluntarily for a year, and has since served as an offcial. Early in 1926 an additional appointment was made, Miss P. B. Lamont, being the choice, and in September of the same year, field work was further strengthened by the appointment of Miss Edith Sinclair, now Mrs. H. M. Coulter, as Girls' Work Secretary.

Progression is the law of life, and Field Secretary work, like all other activities, has altered with the years, and the type of work undertaken in the early days and the type of work required to-day is very different. The first task of the Field Secretary is, therefore, to determine what *is* the *greatest* and *best* service she can render the Society.

Some people consider the best service a Field Secretary can render is to trip from Auxiliary to Auxiliary at stated seasons, draw a crowd, and, for that night at least, relieve the officers and members of the responsibility of thinking through a programme for themselves, overlooking the fact that perhaps the greatest service the Field Secretary could render that Auxiliary would be to persuade the Presbyterial Executives that the best way for their members to get to know our work is to do a bit of digging on their own account.

In the mind of those who are experienced in this work there has been produced a growing conviction that the most earnest expression of spiritual work among the women of our Church is being made through the W.M.S., because missionary work in a measure denies to its workers the satisfaction of tangible result, consequently the missionary worker who stays by her work comes to realize spiritual values and to see, at least in some measure, the primary work of Christ's Church.

Among the results of Field Work is the undeniable fact that our Society has appealed to a new type of woman in our Church—the ''club, business'' type. This is a strength to the Society and a blessing to the new members. She brings in greater efficiency, broader vision, more vigorous energy; but let us remember that in the midst of this efficiency, broadened vision and increased energy the *purpose* of our Society remains the same, and that the *purpose* is to be served by this new life, not the *new life* served by the purpose. In other words, we want the Club Woman and the Business Woman, but our Society must never become a Club nor a Business, consequently neither must the Auxiliary become such.

As has been stated, the first task of to-day in connection with Field Work is to determine what is the highest and best service a Field Secretary can render the Society. In this connection there is a danger of dissipating energy just because it is difficult to change women's attitudes and demands as the need changes. Women are so often apt to confuse best services with big meetings.

Unquestionably one of the definite objectives for the Field Work should be four Secretaries, one for the Senior Auxiliaries, one for Young Women, one for the Girls' Organizations and one for Mission Bands. This will have to come. In every department education in the world to-day, leaders in education realize the soundness of division according to age and experience. This division calls for specialized teaching and presentation. In our W.M.S. work we have grouped our members according to age and experience, but we are away behind so far as specialized presentation is concerned. One Secretary is supposed to know how to make missions live for women of all ages, barring one period—the 'teen age—and for the 'teen age the best we have done is to give ''half an expert''. We all know, of course, that this is not the moment to add to our staff, but these points should be brought to the notice of our members so that when the time comes for expansion, the mind of the Society will be prepared.

OUR BELOVED FIELD SECRETARIES

Miss Laura K. Pelton

Miss P. B. Lamont

A Knight of the Road

The Experiences of a Field Secretary

"CALGARY next stop," called the conductor.

The woman with papers scattered over two seats began hurriedly putting things together—note book, reference books and manuscript notes. Hat, coat and gloves were soon adjusted and when the train stopped Betty Brown, Field Secretary of the Women's Missionary Society, stepped from the car.

"Betty Brown," called a cheery voice behind her, and Miss Brown turned.

"Helen Hall!" exclaimed Miss Brown in surprise, "where in the world did you come from?"

"I came to meet you and take you home with me. We are living here now. Jack was moved to the office here four months ago and when I heard the announcement in Church that you were coming to address the Missionary Society I asked the President to let me entertain you." Little more could be said until the two school friends were out of the traffic and seated in Helen's car, when question and answer and exclamation followed each other in quick succession.

Helen's home was soon reached and Betty established in her guest chamber. Here she rested while Helen attended to household duties.

Jack came. Dinner came. The evening came and went and it was not until after ten that the chance came for a friendly chat in front of the fireplace.

"I hear we are both Knights of the Road," said Jack. "I am anxious to know what is a woman's reaction to catching trains at all hours and seeking for home atmosphere in a hotel, or are you always entertained in a home?"

"No indeed I'm not always entertained in a home. In Ontario and Quebec it is quite the usual thing, but in these Western Provinces, where guest rooms, because of smaller houses, are not so numerous, it is hotel life."

"Which do you prefer?"

"Each has its points. A hotel provides a freedom-time to relax, write or do some much needed reading—which is seldom possible when one is a guest, and must mingle with the family, meet their friends, and usually lead in conversation with people whose interests one does not know. This is a tremendous strain especially after a meeting when both body and mind have been drained of vitality. On the other hand these personal contacts in the homes provide an opportunity to study local conditions without which one cannot be helpful in solving local problems. As to catching trains in the early gray hours before the dawn—the less said the better."

"Betty, just what is the work of a Field Secretary?" asked Helen.

"According to our 'Rules and Regulations' it is 'to spread information about and stimulate interest in the work of our Society, and to organize new Auxiliaries and Mission Bands wherever opportunity offers.' In the past, a Field Secretary would visit every Auxiliary in a Presbyterial and try 'to drum up trade' as your salesman husband would say, but now we find it more profitable to have sectional meetings for inspiration and meetings of executives to discuss practical problems."

"Do you make the arrangements for all these meetings?" asked practical Jack. "It must be some job."

"No indeed, that is all done by the Presbyterial Executive. They arrange with the Provincial Board as to when they can have a Field Secretary visit their Presbyterial. Then they proceed to make plans for her itinerary."

"Are you the only one your Society employs?"

"Oh no! There are three of us. One specializes in Young Women's Work and the other in Girls' Work. The latter serves also under the Sunday School Board. And we all have more than we can do."

"Do you mean that you are on the road all the time?" asked Helen. "Don't you ever get a chance to stay at home?"

"We have found that it is not practicable to work in rural Presbyterials during the winter months, so that time is given to the cities. When it happens to be my home city, then I have a chance to enjoy some home life."

"How do you estimate the results of your work?" asked Jack.

''A business salesman can total up his sales and know where he stands. How do you do it?''

''There is no tabulated statement of results in our work, but when a young woman comes to you at the close of a meeting and says, 'I'm going home to organize a Mission Band,' or when another says, 'You have talked away my new hat. I hoped to have a new one this winter but after hearing of such need the old one will have to do,' or when with glistening eye and trembling voice one of the faithful from a remote region whispers, 'You will never know what your coming has meant,' one is satisfied that there are results and is willing to leave them with Him who bids us all 'Go and witness for Him'.''

''Betty, I never was in sympathy with missions before, but I have decided to join the Women's Missionary Society at its next meeting.''

''Another 'result',' said Jack.

A Girls' Work Secretary

''WHY have a Girls' Work Secretary?'' Perhaps you, like the Secretary in her more discouraged moments, are asking this question. In my four months of active work I have been thinking over and discussing this problem, and my conclusions may perhaps serve as an answer.

The leadership of a group of girls is both difficult and exacting, and it is a real help for the leader to feel that the Secretary is always ready to give advice and encouragement; to suggest programmes, and solve problems. A personal visit from the Secretary may hearten a leader and give her fresh enthusiasm, and may also make her feel a part of a national movement. Four times a year field letters go out to leaders throughout the Church, offering suggestions and conveying friendly greetings. At conferences, summer schools, and camps, the Secretary can give further assistance through discussion groups and through formal leadership training. She acts also as a clearing house for ideas; as she travels about she can carry successful projects and new ideas from one group to another, and establish contacts through the medium of her personality. Through her, the girls' work in the Church achieves a unity that might otherwise be lacking.

Miss O. Mary Hill

What does she mean to the girls, and what is her relationship to them? Except at camps, it is difficult for her to become personally acquainted with many of the girls. To most of them the Secretary remains a shadowy figure, but she personifies in some mysterious way the interest of the Church in them, and is their link with the Church at large, and with Presbyterian girls across Canada. A visit from the Secretary is usually an event, and often results in greater activity.

In short, the Girls' Work Secretary tries to be the friend and counsellor of girls and leaders throughout Canada, relating them both to the Church and to their fellow workers.

—*O. Mary Hill.*

Western Relief

The Need

AGAIN the call for Western Relief comes down to us through the Synodical Missionaries.

The area affected this year covers the three provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. What hail, drought and caterpillars did not destroy the grasshoppers did; nothing was left.

How Shall We Meet It?

In all these affected areas the Government is planning measures of relief, with the co-operation of the Churches. The Saskatchewan Government, at the request of the Manitoba and Alberta Governments, is making the distribution for the three provinces. Free rates have been arranged with both the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways.

Our representative on the Voluntary Rural Relief Committee of the Provincial Government Relief Commission is Mrs. H. R. Horne, wife of the Synodical Superintendent for Saskatchewan.

We realize that the women in our congregations will be the ones to collect supplies. **These supplies will be over and above our regular W.M.S. supply work.**

List of Needs

Warm clothing for men, women and children.
Babies' clothes.
Blankets and warm quilts.
Knitted articles such as, sweaters, scarfs, mitts and stockings.
Warm underwear, all sizes.
Boots. Yarn.

Each Presbyterial will look after its own supplies which should be sent direct to Mrs. H. R. Horne, 1160 North Broad St., Regina, Sask.

This information will be sent through the Provincial Societies to the Presbyterials. For any further information apply to your Presbyterial Supply Secretary.

A Warning

Send gifts through proper channels and not in answer to special appeals.

Farewell Reception to Mr. H. B. and Mrs. Currie

BIRTLE Indian Residential School was en fete on the evening of September 7th when friends from far and near gathered to do honor to Rev. H. B. and Mrs. Currie, who for the past seven years have given such faithful and efficient service as Superintendent and Matron of this important institution.

Rev. H. I. White acted as chairman, Rev. R. Paterson, Elphinstone, represented the Brandon Presbytery and Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, President of Manitoba Provincial, the official representative of the W.M.S. expressed the regret of Mrs. McKerroll, Indian Secretary, at not being able to attend the reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Currie, and to extend greetings to Rev. E. H. and Mrs. Lockhart, the newly appointed Superintendent and Matron.

It was a very happy meeting. The chapel was filled with friends from Birtle and surrounding district.

The professional and business men of the town of Birtle presented Mr. Currie with an illuminated address in picture form, with three water color sketches of the old residence, class room and new residential school inset, the work of Major Pratt, one of the High School teachers who is an artist, and the congregation presented Mr. and Mrs. Currie with a beautiful painting of the Valley River. Later, Mrs. Currie was the recipient of a silver well and tree salver from the members of staff.

The severing of the ties of years was not easy for Mr. and Mrs. Currie, especially as so many of the Indians came to say how sorry they were to see them go. Mr. Currie has left everything in excellent condition—2,300 tons of hay, 700 cords of wood, some 30 beautiful cows, pigs, turkeys, chickens and lovely horses for farm work, while, indoors, Mrs. Currie has everything in splendid order.

The entire staff is remaining, and Mrs. Hutchison left feeling she had had a glimpse of a happy home where all the members were loving and loyal to the Principal and Matron. To have accomplished this is no mean achievement, and to Mr. and Mrs. Currie we accord the honor. While regretting Mr. and Mrs. Currie's departure we would express the hope that the years spent in Birtle and the association they have had with the hundreds of Indian boys and girls who came under their care will ever remain a cherished memory.

A lantern for the use of Miss Grigor in the Peace River District, has been given by a lady in memory of her sister. The one required for the Chinese work in Toronto will be supplied by the W.M.S.

Young Indian Musicians Feted in Winnipeg

OJIBWAY Indians from Kenora, Ont., made a good-will raid on Winnipeg this summer. The invaders, who numbered 25, were the school band of the "Cecilia Jeffrey" Indian Residential School. The young musicians, who were accompanied by Mr. E. W. Byers, their Principal, numbered 6 girls and 19 boys, aged 8 to 17 years. The girls' instruments are three B flat clarinets and three E flat alto clarinets. To the skill of George Smith, the bandmaster, their accomplishment in music making is attributed, and their musical equipment was financed out of Church funds, supplemented by the donations of friends.

Winners of Junior Band Competition, Kenora Festival, 1933

To all, except one or two, this was their first time away from Kenora, and they were greatly impressed with the evidences of the white man's civilization paraded before their wondering eyes.

They were guests of the T. Eaton Company, playing to luncheon patrons in that company's grill room, and themselves being regaled with delicacies from the grill room cuisine. After that, they were guests of E. H. Macklin, president and general manager of the Winnipeg Free Press, on a tour of inspection through the newspaper plant. This was followed by a band concert in front of the Free Press building, which produced a traffic jam.

During their visit the girls stayed at the Y.W.C.A. and the boys at the Y.M.C.A. The boys are clothed in blue denim pants with a yellow stripe down each leg, white shirts with red ties, and white Glengarry-type caps with a red stripe around the forehead.

The band also played over Radio Station CKY.

Chinese Show Warm Interest in the Bible Society

WE were fortunate in getting a very promising young Hak Ka woman to work in our field this fall. She can work for a year, practise work required by the Wu Chow Bible School of which she is a student. Then she is to go back for another term and be graduated.

Miss Lee Sau Laan, the worker who joined our staff last spring is a splendid young woman, and one of a new type here in South China—young, earnest, well-educated, one who could command a good position and high salary in a school in a city, and who voluntarily goes to work as an evangelistic worker in the country. She told me about a long trip she and Miss Tiu had just taken away up Lung Moon, the most distant and dangerous part of the field. One day they walked about 18 miles. They were several days on the trip and stayed at different places *en route* holding meetings in chapels and Christian homes. Miss Lee reported very good meetings and altogether a time of real blessing.

While I have not been out to Shek Lung this month, I have had several informal conferences with Mrs. Law and others. I am on the committee for women's work for the whole synod and have had to meet on that several times. I am asked to speak at the preparatory service in one of the city churches this Saturday. The preacher I knew in Shek Ki, years ago.

I was at Wu Chow with Mr. Burkwall for a few days. He had to go for a conference on colportage work in Kwong Si province. He is very pleased at the interest the Chinese Christians are taking now in their own Bible Society of which he is General Secretary. Their aim is to relieve the parent society of the burden of Scripture distribution.

The *Glad Tidings* is so bright and encouraging in these days of darkness and depression. It is fine to think we can send out a new worker.

—*Ethel Reid Burkwall.*

The first Beginners Band has been organized at Pittston, Ontario. Congratulations and best wishes.

Reducing

REDUCING is quite a fad; but it is not safe to undertake it unless under a doctor's orders. You know how some women who have dieted to reduce have lost about the chin and look worn and haggard. Others have lost about the shoulders and arms, so that they do not look quite natural. Even their stockings hang in wrinkles! Others have lost their fat on the inside, and losing it too rapidly and too much of it, have had trouble with the heart, a fallen stomach, a loose kidney or some other sorrowful result. A few have even reduced the brain cells, and have committed suicide as a result of dieting to reduce.

Some Presbyterials try to reduce, right against the orders of the Great Physician. One such Society succeeded in losing so much life that it had to be given a stimulant hypodermically last year in order to raise its apportionment. It pulled through, but it was a tight squeeze, and it came so near to passing out that it was a shock to its sponsors.

The trouble with stimulants that can be administered in an emergency is that the benefit is not always lasting, and one dare not keep on indefinitely with a daily dose. At the annual meeting this hypo of much superlative talk and urge was given, of much appeal to pride. All right at the time, but not a strong enough dose to last all year, and the Presbyterial fell into a collapse again.

Now a diet is all right if it takes off and puts on in the right places. The diet of the Missionary Societies was wrong. Some parts were deadened by it. For instance, that year this Society took off in membership, took off in regular payment of apportionments, and reduced the number of subscriptions to the magazines and Year Book of Prayer, which meant that fewer prayers were offered for our missionaries than before, and there was a decided lessening of interest in our brother men, pushing out into the future the realization of a world brotherhood.

If you still want to diet, may I suggest a simple plan for you?

Every morning, cut out all doubts that your Society cannot gain in membership; take prayer for your stimulant and help answer your own prayers. If you have excuses or even reasons why you should not raise your full apportionment this year, cut them out, and memorize and repeat each day James 2: 15-16. Remember that ''ye are the salt of the earth, and if the salt has lost its savor'' it can only regain it by a transfusion from the Christ who died and rose again that all might have life. Salt is necessary to life. ''Ye are the salt.'' Do not deny yourself to others.

If you think you are doing your best without regular executive meetings, cast that thought to the winds and begin right this year. You will see growth and action, and reduction of doubts.

If you are so sure the missionaries do not need your prayers, ask your best friends to cease their prayers for you. The missionaries are praying for you. ''They are afraid,'' Jean Mackenzie says, ''when on the field, they are afraid—afraid of you that you might fail them in prayer and in gifts.''

If you have reduced so rapidly that you have lost interest in life, there is still hope for you. Read the human interest stories in ''Women and Missions'' and feel new life flow.

Each Society wants to be 100% perfect, just as each girl wanted to be a ''perfect 36'' when I was young. To gain this perfection of figure, try stewardship. This stimulant works both ways. If you need to reduce, it does it gracefully for you. If you need to put on weight, it brings you up to proper condition rapidly. Stewardship will keep your hips (pockets) from bulging, your abdomen from protruding. (Try a reduction in the number of extra meals later!) Your arms and legs will grow muscular and shapely by regular active service in promoting Christ's Kingdom on earth. The whole form of the Auxiliary will improve as the individual parts of it take to practicing stewardship. No softening of the brain for you then. A free, healthy circulation of the blood through the brain cells will be the result, and oh, the work you will be able to do!

Reduce the fat from around your heart. Let it have free action. It is not good for the heart to be crowded. In this year of depression, let us not be guilty of crucifying our Christ by deliberately refusing to sacrifice for the growth of His Kingdom, or by refusing to teach others of Him to the best of our ability.

Then, let us go to the Christ, the Great Physician, the understanding Christ whom we profess to love and serve, let us go to Him and ask Him to reduce our doubts, our fears, our selfishness, our ignorance. Then let us trust Him to lead us, and trust ourselves to dare to follow.—Mrs. Arthur H. Limouze, in *Women and Missions.*

The Child—Movies—Missions

WE may know what our children are taught at home and in Sunday School, and even what they learn in day school, but what are they absorbing in the movies, in the literature they read, in the contacts they make on the street, in other homes, and during the summer? Are they learning respect for parents, regard for the rights of others, reverence for God, the importance of self-control and the nobility of truth and life and purity, unselfish interest in other boys and girls, or are they coming to covet free license, self-indulgence and money, without regard for law, justice or true love?

Children can be taught and inspired to admire high ideals and loving service, or they can be left to drift on the rocks—to their own destruction and that of others. A recent study has been made by the

Motion Picture Research Council as to the influence of popular movies on children. These studies are being published by the Macmillan Company with a summary by Henry James Forman.

Many do not seem to realize the tremendous importance of early training or the influence of the imagination on health of body, mind, morals and religion. It is estimated that in the average weekly attendance of 77,000,000 at motion picture theatres in the United States, at least 23,000,000 are under the age of twenty-one and 12,000,000 are under the age of fourteen. Dr. Edgar Dale, of Ohio State University says that children of all ages attend the movies for two hours on an average of once a week, about twice the time they spend in church or Sunday School, if they go at all. Many attend movies two or three times a week, or more, if they can beg, borrow or steal the money. This is a menace to health as well as to morals and interferes with other more beneficial recreations and with reading. What would have been the result if modern movies had been a dominant influence in the lives of Livingstone, Moffat, Judson, Duff, Hudson Taylor, Grenfell or Isabella Thoburn?

British parents of education and character apparently give more careful oversight to their children's recreation than most American parents. The ''British Weekly'' publishes a list of children's answers to the question, ''What are the loveliest things you know, persons not included?'' The girls mention such things as the following: Cool wind on a hot day; the scrunch of dry leaves underfoot; looking down from a hill; the smell of rain; an organ playing; the moon in the clouds. Boys' lists include: The feel of running; a swallow flying; a mounted policeman's horse; the feel of a dive; a thrush singing.

Evidently it is possible to develop in children an appreciation of beauty, power, heroic service and a sense of reverence for God. They have imaginations, shall they be used for good or for evil? Boys who have been detected in crime and degenerate habits have acknowledged that their impulse to steal, to kill, to impurity, and to vandalism have been stimulated by movies. In classifying some 1,500 pictures Dr. Dale reports that their chief emphasis is largely on crime, sex, murder mysteries, and detective stuff. Over 70 per cent. of these movies centred on crime, illicit love and drink. Boys report that in the movies they have learned how to ''make love,'' how to ''get the drop'' on a rival, and how to stage a hold up. Is it any wonder that property rights are disregarded, that true love and fidelity are discredited and temperance is held up to ridicule? Shall our children learn to imitate the criminal and the debauched or to admire missionary heroes and heroines?

What changes would Christ make in amusements? Christian parents cannot reform the non-Christian stage, motion pictures or the dance; they cannot drive out crime or enforce chastity or honesty or total abstinence from strong drink; but they can surround their children with high ideals; by precept and example they can teach obedience to the laws of God and man; they can uphold the noble characters and can endeavor to fill the lives of their children with the most wholesome education and recreation. The safe and sane course—one that has proved its effectiveness—is to lead children to Christ while they are young, to help them make contacts with worthwhile people—personally or in books—and to enlist their interest in worthwhile pleasures and service—in partnership with their parents. An excellent opportunity is offered in missionary hero stories. It would be interesting and instructive to study the early training of some of the outstanding Christian leaders of the world to see what influences have moulded their ideals, their choices, their talents, their characters. The best Christian education is related to Jesus Christ and His teachings and life, and to the work of advancing His Kingdom.—*The Missionary Review of the World.*

Canadian Lesson Helps in Course of Preparation

ANOTHER forward step in the onward career of Presbyterian Publications is promised our Sabbath Schools, to commence at the New Year. That step is the issuing of new lesson helps. These new helps will include The Teacher, Intermediate-Senior, Junior and Primary Quarterlies. Following the same course, that began with the editing of *The Challenge, Young Canada* and *Story Hour,* Presbyterian Publications has completed plans to edit the above-named lesson helps within our own Church. It was scarcely expected that this advance could be made in so short a period but conditions are now so favorable that The Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies are able to announce that the new helps will be ready for distribution on the first of January.

The loyalty of our Sunday Schools to this department has been particularly gratifying. A most enthusiastic reception has been accorded our illustrated papers from coast to coast. The warm endorsations of the three, *The Challenge, Young Canada* and *Story Hour* have been because of their attractive stories, excellent articles, wholesome jokes and fine character-building material. Although definite progress has been made along all lines and the result is a splendid tribute to the managing ability of the Rev. Norman MacEachern, constructive suggestions for the improvement of our papers will not only be accepted but gratefully welcomed. One great boon for the management would be an increase in circulation. Eighty-five per cent. of our schools are now loyally subscribing for our own papers. If the remaining 15 per cent. would begin with the New Year, the increased circulation would enable us to reduce prices on some papers.

Books Old and New

Lereine Ballantyne

OUR sale of books for Christmas gifts has been increasing each year to an amazing extent. There are two reasons. We do try to secure books suitable for the age or type for whom they are intended, and we do make an effort to buy advantageously so that the prices are reasonable, and in many cases real bargains. With both these objects in view, our *new list of books* will be of real interest to all who are thinking of the festive season. There are so many gifts which quickly fade with use, but a good book has that within its pages, which grows dearer with the passing of time, and becomes a real bond of friendship. Space only permits the listing of a few, but the descriptive lists are free to any who wish to write to our Office (Room 700, 372 Bay St., Toronto) for them. A special discount is given, when five or more books are ordered at one time.

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Prayer

O GOD in whom we live, move and have our being, "Enable us to feel the strength that surrounds us, to follow the light that indwells us, and to avail ourselves of the wisdom Thou givest liberally to all who ask of Thee." Hear us, we beseech Thee, as we pray for our country. Bless our land with industry and sound learning. Save us from violence, discord and confusion and mould into one united and contented people those who have come from different countries to make their home in this new land. May industrial unrest and all feeling of dissatisfaction disappear before the higher ideals of citizenship and brotherhood. Endue with wisdom those who have been entrusted with authority, and incline the hearts of all people to cultivate the arts of peace. Remember we beseech Thee, the Disarmament Conference. In all their deliberations may wise counsels prevail, and may the day soon dawn when the armaments of war shall be beaten into implements of peace. We give Thee thanks at this Armistice anniversary season for the peace which has followed the world war. Grant that soon wars throughout the world may cease, and that a better understanding may arise between nation and nation and that men may learn that the way of peace is the path of true prosperity. Grant Thy blessing to all those at home and abroad who proclaim Thy message of peace and love. Remember, we beseech Thee, the sick, the sad, the needy, and grant us all the spirit of sympathy. Rekindle Thy love in our hearts and may we, by waiting on Thee, renew our strength. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

REV. Calvin Lee, Shek Lung, China, writes: "More and more I am convinced that we should use the weapon of prayer more than anything else. I feel it is my duty and joy to teach people to pray and to pray with them. I ask that you pray with us for the following:

For our thirty fellow workers, pastors, evangelists, Bible women and school teachers, as well as many voluntary workers, that we all may have more spiritual power and wisdom for the winning of souls.

For a wider and deeper evangelism in Shek Lung as well as in all other fields of South China.

For our Chinese Government, especially for the Christians connected with it."

Let us also pray: For Rev. David and Mrs. Marshall, missionaries of our Church, as they take up work in British Guiana.

OUR LETTER BOX

Our Last Trip to Mistawasis

Birtle, Man.

"THIS year I accompanied Mr. Currie when he went to the Mistawasis Reserve for the children. We decided to go before school opened. Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart met us in Saskatoon and we started out. It was dry so the roads were all right. In dry weather they use a short route (90 miles from Saskatoon), and cross a ferry, the hills going down and coming up from the ferry are clay—narrow and frightfully steep. The ferry is just an open, flat platform, trundled across by a man at a wheel.

The Indians, whom we found waiting for us at the Mission, expressed deep gratitude for the care we had given their children. We brought home two new boys, and more are willing to come whenever we can bring them. They all met Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart. We started at 5 p.m. with eleven boys and girls, and reached the Presbyterian Residence at Saskatoon at 10 p.m., where Miss Scott, the Superintendent, had kindly offered to take us in. She had not thought of the children needing supper, however, Mr. Currie went downtown and came home loaded with bread and butter, etc., and we took the children to the kitchen and soon had their tummies full. Then the fun for Miss Scott began. We think she is just wonderful. She put on her swimming suit (as we used the shower baths) and I undressed the children and she scrubbed them down, while I dried them and put them to bed, they were all tucked in by 11.30 o'clock. Then Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart, Mr. Currie and I went down street for our supper as we had had nothing since noon. Next morning we had them all up at 7 a.m. to a breakfast of porridge, etc., and while they stripped the sheets off their beds and swept and dusted for Miss Scott, we had breakfast down town and were all packed up and away by 9 a.m. We drove all the way home that day—390 miles—arriving about 8 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart remained with us all week and Mr. Lockhart went with Mr. Currie to Kamsack and the other reserves and was introduced to the parents and helped to bring the children home. They will come for good on September 1st. I am trying to have everything in readiness before then. Our new garden behind the school is just wonderful, we have bushels of almost every kind of vegetable.

We are beginning to feel rather lonely as so many of the Indians are now coming to us and telling us how sorry they are to see us go. We will miss the children and the staff very much, also the very busy life."

—(*Mrs. H. B.*) *Mary Currie.*

Valued China-Born Missionaries

Hong Kong, China.

"THE Women's Conference was unusually good this year. Several of the younger missionaries were on the programme, two of them China-born, second generation missionaries, and we feel sure they are going to be a great help. One of them, Gladys Word, is a splendid speaker. China-born, she speaks Cantonese like a native, and is a deeply spiritual young woman, absolutely true to the old standards. She is very acceptable to the Chinese. The women were enthusiastic about her, and a preacher, who heard her speak somewhere told me he thought she might well be asked to speak at a Pooi Ling meeting (where there are usually outstanding speakers). This year we just had her down for a small share in the programme but next year we hope to have her take a larger course of study with the women. Mrs. Tsik who was at the Biblical Seminary with me in 1926, gave a splendid service on I Peter and the women got a great deal from it.

The Pooi Ling meetings followed, and most of the country women stayed on for these meetings, which were again a great blessing to the whole Church. Following the meetings in Canton, came the ones in Hong Kong in which the same speakers took part. This year the meetings here in Hong Kong were held in the new Basel Mission Church, built entirely by the Chinese at a cost of $85,000, a beautiful building indeed.

A great sorrow has come to Rev. Calvin Lee and his wife. Their dear little son, Ling Shang, aged three, died the last Sunday in July in the Yau Tsai Hospital in Canton, (American Presbyterian, where Dr. MacBean works). As one would expect, they showed a lovely spirit of resignation to God's will which will mean blessing to themselves and others.

Last week, I called at the Matilda Hospital and saw Margaret Ramsay, of Formosa, who has had a minor operation. She is better again. I asked her to go to a tea given for all missionaries visiting or living in the Colony, but she was going somewhere else with Miss Senior who is a Sister in that hospital. I am a great deal better since my sojourn in the Matilda last spring.

Mr. Burkwall is very pleased and encouraged the way the Chinese Church is showing interest and taking responsibility in the Bible Society work. The young South China Bible Society, the first to be organized in any mission field, is growing stronger and some of the leaders are very keen. Their aim is to lessen the burden of the parent Society by undertaking more and more of the financial support and superintendence of the colportage work — the responsibility of Scripture distribution among their own people. This is a great joy to my husband who sees in it the fruit of his own labors of so many years.''

—Ethel Reid Burkwall.

What One Business Woman Does

These extracts are from a letter from Miss H. W. Davies, of Brockville, who devotes her spare time to work among her beloved Chinese people.

ON June 28th, quite late at night, while visiting one of my Chinese families, I learned that Dr. Jessie MacBean was to be in Perth next day, and that the Chinese were banqueting her. I took an early morning train, and visited Smiths Falls, made 9 calls and 11 contacts including the Rev. S. and Mrs. Davies, and all the Chinese I could find out of bed at that time. I learned about the Perth meeting, as the Smiths Falls W.M.S. was invited to be present when Dr. MacBean would give the address. I left Smiths Falls at 11.15 a.m. and spent the greater part of the day with my Chinese family, Harry Johnston (Fong), wife, four daughters, one son and Harry's brother, Peter. I called at one of the laundries, but it was so hot I could accomplish nothing. The W.M.S. arranged a reception so that any one who cared to meet Dr. MacBean could come and visit with her. Some of us were glad to do so, and enjoyed it very much.

I returned to Smiths Falls with the eight who came to the meeting from there, and was taken in for the night by one of the party. They would not allow me to go to the hotel, and the morning train landed me at home at 11.20. I was a rag. Such heat!

Wednesday, July 12, at 4.15 p.m. Mrs. Lor Leip came to tell me my Chinese friends from Gananoque were waiting for me. I joined them at 4.30, as soon as I could get away from business. There were in the party, Mrs. Jas. Lee (Ella Lowe, a former kindergarten teacher in Victoria), and three small sons, her brother, Roy, and sister, Charlotte, from British Columbia. They were returning from a surprise visit to their brother, Tommy, in Williamsburg. I accompanied them to four other homes, where we visited some fifteen men, women and children. There is something pathetic to me in seeing the eager happiness of these lonely people enjoying themselves, with news from home and friends. The personal, social touch is so expressive, it warms my heart. My heart was made quite sad by being told of some unkind things being said and done by some of our intelligent, professional and supposedly Christian people. One Canadian-born Chinese woman gave a sensible reply to an M.D. who made a derogatory remark regarding the Chinese people, when she said, ''I am surprised to hear such a remark from a gentleman of your standing. Why condemn all of us, for the faults or failings of a few, or in your case, of one.''

In being driven to make these calls, I took advantage of the opportunity to deliver a package of infant's clothing to an expectant mother, and found a little four pound baby girl had arrived at the General Hospital, at 6.30 a.m.

Mothering a Korean Baby

THE new houses are lovely. One seems to be almost in another world up here among the mountains. I think I have missed the birds more than anything else, but we have at last found them.

I must tell you about our Korean baby. We visited a family in Seto several times, where the mother had been ill for several months. Sometimes she seemed better and sometimes worse, so we decided that if something were not done she would die. We had her brought to the hospital here, and a neighbor looked after the little three-year old girl. But there was a baby of nine months, and no one cared to take the responsibility of caring for it as it also was sick, so there was nothing to do but for us to take it. We left it in the hospital for two days for X-ray examination and treatment, and were told that it had only a cold, so it was brought to our house. It was rather a new experience for us, but we managed to care for him with the help of our teachers and our little cook. He was a sweet baby, rather serious as his mother had not been able to play with him, but we managed to get some lovely smiles from him. Miss MacDonald and I took turns keeping him at night. We had him almost three weeks and then the family went to Korea. They are Christians, and their parents to whom they went in Korea are also Christians, so we feel that our baby will be cared for.

Miss M. E. Anderson, Miss E. McDonald and their two Language Teachers

One evening a week a boy who is just a new Christian comes to our house, and we read a chapter of the Bible together. His friend, who led him to Christ, left Nagoya to enter ——— Theological Seminary in Kobe, and after the friend's departure he was lonely and asked if he might come to our house. I decided that if he were to come, the time ought to be made as profitable to him as possible, and what he needed most was further knowledge of the Bible, so we began. I wish you could hear some of the questions he asks. We who have had these privileges from childhood, can scarcely realize the difficulties of a beginner. He is very much like a Canadian boy, very frank and full of fun, but is thinking very deeply. What I want so much is that he may receive a real experience and a special revelation of the Master in his heart, which of course, will chase away the doubts. But it will come, I am sure.

Our people at Nagoya have purchased the land for the new church, and are now praying and working to raise the money for the building, which is no small task.—*Ellen Anderson, Nagoya, Japan.*

YOUNG WOMEN

OUR OPPORTUNITY OF DISCIPLESHIP

PERHAPS there never was a time, when the loyalty of the individual member was more needed to insure the success of our Society, than to-day. Many things shape the course of our discipleship but whether we are leaders or followers, we each have our own share in the work. After all leaders are only those who see the vision a little more clearly, but the badge of all service is Faith.

To be an inactive member or a member in name only, is using our opportunity in the wrong way, and it is for us to decide whether we are going to strengthen or weaken our Society by our membership. To be an active member, we must be regular in our attendance, wholehearted in our service, willing to take office or do a piece of work as the need presents itself. We must seek to build up our membership by telling others of our Auxiliary and of the work we are planning to do, and, above all, we must think little of self and much of others. What kind of a member are you?

Jesus changed the thinking of His day about women. He gave to women a new position, a new courage, a new work to do and He is depending on you and upon me to carry that work into the uttermost corners of the earth. Btu Jesus does not ask us to do it alone, as always, He is beside us, for He who said ''Go ye,'' also said ''Lo, I am with you always.'' Will you accept your opportunity?

Grant us the will to fashion as we feel,
Grant us the strength to labor as we know;
Grant us the purpose, ribbed and edged with steel,
To strike the blow.

Knowledge we ask not—knowledge Thou hast lent;
But Lord, the will—there lies our bitter need.
Grant us to build above the deep intent
The deed, the deed! —*John Drinkwater.*

SUCCESS SUGGESTIONS

Under the above heading, during the past year, have appeared some of the many helpful suggestions contained in the leaflet, ''A Guide for Auxiliary Officers.'' This leaflet also gives the constitution for Auxiliaries, the duties of each officer and some suggestions as to methods of procedure. This splendid leaflet accompanies this year's study book, ''The Seven Seas of Service,'' which provides a two year study course and may be obtained for 35 cents. Have you a copy? You will find it most helpful when planning your programmes for the coming season. Every member should have one, as it gives detailed information of the work our Society is doing at home and abroad.—*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

ITEMS FROM INDIA

A Service of Worship in a Sacred City Temple as described by Miss Lily Simpson in one of her letters:

''BRINDABAN is a sacred city and noted for its temples and temple widows. A friend of mine in the mission hospital in Brindaban took me all around and showed me everything. The most impressive and yet pitiful sight were the widows. There are about 3,000 of them altogether, and every morning and evening 600 of them gather together in a certain building for, I suppose they call it, their devotions. I saw them one morning. They have a leader who reads and chants to them out of one of their religious books and then they all chant together 'Ram, Ram, Hari, Ram', to the accompaniment of cymbals and an Indian drum which some of the women beat. This ceremony goes on for five hours every morning and every evening—that means ten hours a day. When they are through the morning's performance, they get a handful of rice and dal which is their food for the day. They are provided with one white sari and this is all their clothes, so my friend told me. These widows come mostly from Bengal and some of them have been quite wealthy. But they give everything to the temples when they become temple widows. Among those whom we saw one little girl could not have been over ten years old.''

A Fashion Review at Amkhut School according to Miss M. H. Williamson's letter:

''Do you like cutting out a new frock? If you do just come right along and you can proceed with cutting out eighty for the school girls. With increase in attendance comes increase in all other lines of work besides the teaching, and not least of all is the making of clothes. Just now eighty frocks are under way. If you were an Amkhut school girl, your eyes would be dancing at the sight of the cloth for these new frocks. It is red with a narrow white stripe. Perhaps you would not feel very proud if seventy-nine other girls, big and little, had dresses exactly the same as yours, but if you were an Indian girl you would be particularly fond of it for its color alone.

And if you were an Amkhut school boy, you would just have been measured for a new suit. Doesn't that sound good? You think immediately of a nice tweed suit with shirt, stockings, shoes, belt, tie and perhaps a gay handkerchief to tuck in your pocket. But this boy's suit consists of shirt and trousers of a strong cotton material that can be washed every Saturday and not lose its color and not go to pieces before it is time to receive the next half-yearly suit. Shirts are made long and worn out over the trousers.''

Landour Language School attended by all our missionaries but here described by Miss Catherine M. Moodie:

''Maybe if I give you a suggested day's programme it will give you a better idea of just what we are doing here. First I might say this language school is not very old and every year they make improvements, so we are very fortunate in having such a place to come to. This year there are 150 students altogether. There are Europeans over it but the teaching in class and the tutoring out of school hours is done by Indian teachers, who seem to be well trained in the principles of teaching as well as just trying to give us their language. We have Chota Hazari (little breakfast) brought to our rooms at 6.00; from 7.00 to 8.00 I have my pundit lesson, that is I have a tutor to myself, these hours vary outside of the regular school hours; till breakfast I try to study; breakfast 9.30 and Chapel and school starts at 10.30. We have four periods, which take us till 2.00 p.m. and then we have tea at 2.30, and put in study till about 5.00—that is generally speaking, for often we have to do odd jobs such as washing, ironing, shopping or writing. Before dinner we try to get some exercise, either walking or playing tennis. Dinner is at 7.30 and by the time we have prayers we are usually ready for bed, but sometimes we sit and chat, or take a moonlight walk, or sing. Saturday is a free day but we study in the morning, and I expect when we get into the swing of things we will be having teas and hikes to attend. Sunday is very nice, for here we get a real English service. The English service is followed by a Hindustani service which we attend to train our ears, so they say. That takes much of the day and, if we attend evening service at 5 that takes a little more, so Sunday goes by.''

Merry-go-round the world 'round for Miss B. M. MacMurchy has seen one in India and here it is:

''One thing that rather amused me was the merry-go-round for the children. It was propelled by coolies and a portable victrola supplied music. There were about a dozen small wooden horses with hardly any shape. These hung by ropes from the roof of the merry-go-round and would swing out and in as it went round. The children certainly enjoyed it. The cost was 1 anna or 2c. a ride.''

Suggested that four girls be asked to read these items from India at the November meeting, giving some additional facts about the missionary quoted. —M.J.G.

MISSION BANDS

THE SONG OF THE WREN

''ONCE upon a time long, long ago before the white men came to America the Pawnee Indians had a wise and brave chief. One spring morning very early he left his tepee and went out on the prairie. The sky was clear, and grass and wild flowers bowed in the breeze that rose as the sun's first beams spread over the earth. Birds of all kinds tried to outdo each other as they sang their joy. The Indian stood still to listen. Suddenly, from a distance, he heard a song that rose higher and clearer than all the rest. He walked quietly toward the place whence the song came so that he might see which bird was sending farther than all the others such happy laughing notes. As he came nearer, he beheld a tiny brown bird with an open bill, the feathers on its throat rippling as it sang. It was the wren, the smallest and weakest of birds, that seemed to be most glad and to pour out in ringing melody its delight in life. As the Indian looked he thought, 'Here is a teaching for my people. Everyone can be happy. Everyone can have his song of thanksgiving and praise.' So he made the song of the wren and the Indians say that it has been sung from that day to this, as an expression of joy and thankfulness.''—(Adapted from ''The Story of the Wren'' in *Indian Story and Song in North America*, by Alice C. Fletcher.)

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

A number of Bands like to have a special meeting for a Christmas programme. Mothers and Auxiliary members are invited. Now is the time to make arrangements for it. Perhaps the following suggestions would be of help:

''The Trail of the Christmas Star,'' is a pretty little idea requiring at least ten children, and containing songs for the balance of the Band. This is on page 27 of the Standard Christmas Book, which costs 25c.

''Christmas Presents,'' a little play for a Bell-ringer, nine children, eight stall-keepers and an Angel. Price 10c. per copy.

''Miss Mission Band Meets the Christmas Fairy,'' a little play with singing. Price 5c. each.

These or other ideas are contained in the missionary helps at the W.M.S. Publications Office. Write in and you may see them on approval. Your December page will have a Christmas story for any who wish to use one.

—B. K. Riddell.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—The Mission Band of Knox Church, Calgary, were pleased to have two of their number, Marjorie Patrick and Chrissie Doull earn the certificates promised by the North Formosa Presbyterian Church for committing to memory the portions of scripture designated by the session of that mission. The members are preparing a parcel of scrap books, pictures, needle books, etc., for Rev. Allan Reoch, Manchuria.

Grace Church Auxiliary held the opening meeting of the fall term, September 15th, with a good attendance. After the devotional exercises, and the usual routine business, a fine programme was presented by Group 6. Three different ladies offered prayers specially for God's blessing upon our nurses, doctors and hospitals. Mrs. N. McMann gave an excellent paper on our medical missionary work in Canada, showing the wonderful work accomplished at the different hospitals since their inception 30 years ago and the help, comfort and joy given by our doctors and nurses to those in need.

Before giving her report on the Enlarged Council Executive meeting, Mrs. Allott, Provincial President, expressed her joy at the appointment of one of our own Calgary girls, Miss Isobel Gibson, to the position of matron of the Boys' Home, Vegreville. Mrs. Allott then gave a comprehensive report of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting held in Toronto, giving some valuable suggestions expressed by the Secretaries of the various departments and which should be a stimulus to our meetings. The speaker said what impressed her most was the youth of our workers and the spirit of optimism which prevailed throughout all the sessions.

Edmonton P.S. held its semi-annual meeting in Strathcona Presbyterian Church. It was a representative and interesting gathering. Each report was discussed with keen interest, showing much devotion to the work. Mrs. MacMicking gave a splendid review of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting. The outstanding session was perhaps the evening one when, at least, one hundred girls, representing the girls' clubs and Auxiliaries of the W.M.S., presented reports telling of various activities on their programme. Much credit for this work is due their leader, Mrs. Lovegrove, who carried on with half her body in a cast on account of an injured spine, besides attending to the other duties which come to her. Dr. Osborn was the chief speaker at the evening session. Mrs. Allott, Provincial President, was guest speaker and told of the work and progress of the Society throughout Alberta.

Mrs. G. Rae presided over an inspiring and entertaining programme at a recent meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary. This programme was prepared by ''Group 2.'' The devotional part was taken by Mrs. T. M. Allen and Mrs. MacMillan. The subject for the meeting was ''The Hungarians in Canada.'' Mrs. C. E. Lasher opened the subject with a paper on the physical features of Hungary, and some of the chief characteristics of the people. Mrs. McMichael followed with a paper on ''The Problems the Hungarian has to Face When Arriving in this New Land,'' and Mrs. Scott with a paper on ''What the Presbyterian Church is Doing to Help These People in Canada.'' These papers were all bright, educational and most helpful. The ladies were pleased to welcome two young Hungarian women to their meeting. One was dressed in her native costume and contributed a solo in Hungarian. Some of their marvellous fancy work was on display and one of these young women treated the members of the Auxiliary to some Hungarian cake, which was a favorite in her homeland. Mrs. T. M. Allen, Mrs. T. L. Walker and Mrs. Patterson rendered a trio entitled ''A Hungarian Lullaby.''

Red Deer P.S.—The Presbytery organized, this year, the first of what they hope will be a series of Presbyterian Summer Camps to be held from year to year at Sylvan Lake.

Macleod P.S.—Through the gratifying results of a tea and pantry sale, the St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Lethbridge, were enabled to present a Life Membership to one of their members.

The Late Mrs. James Gibson

St. John's Auxiliary, Medicine Hat, regret to report the death of one of their members, Mrs. James Gibson. Her death is a great loss and will be felt very keenly by the Auxiliary, as she has been for years Home Helpers' Secretary as well as looking after Literature and Library work. As a member of the Auxiliary she made weekly visits to the hospital, distributing papers and books and giving words of cheer and comfort in her own sincere manner. Zealous for the work of the Church, fervent in prayer and tireless in her missionary endeavors she will be greatly missed in the Church and community.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

MRS. D. A. FOWLIE, 501 WINNIPEG ST., PENTICTON, PRESS SECRETARY

VICTORIA P.S. annual rally was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, when Mrs. Jas. Herd, Provincial President, gave her report of the Enlarged Council Executive meetings in Toronto. Departmental reports were all encouraging. While the summer had halted some of the activities plans were being made for greater efforts during the fall and winter months.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary held two very successful outdoor meetings when visitors from the Auxiliaries were present. The guest speakers were Mrs. Wright, of Peace River District, and Miss Alma Burdick, of Formosa, who told of the work in their respective fields.

Dr. Jessie MacBean gave a forceful address before a large congregation in St. Andrew's Church.

Westminster P.S.—During her visit in Vancouver, Miss Burdick, Formosa, was kept busy, giving addresses at Church services, Sunday Schools and women's meetings. Two rallies were held in Vancouver, one in Central Church, for the W.M.S. Mount Pleasant Church parlors were well filled, with members of the Young Women's Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial, for this rally. Chilliwack and New Westminster were also visited, when Miss Burdick gave her message to large audiences.

Leaving Vancouver September 16th for the Interior, Miss Burdick first visited Kamloops, meeting the Auxiliaries in the other towns in the Okanagan Valley before going on to the Kootenays, where she had the opportunity of meeting interested audiences in the Churches where W.M.S. work is being carried on. Keen interest was shown in the reports Miss Burdick brought of the work being done in Formosa. The women of British Columbia will undoubtedly have a warmer feeling for the work and workers in Formosa, after meeting and hearing Miss Burdick.

The Mission Band Leaders' Council, of Vancouver, which was organized last February, held their first meeting since the holidays on September 14th at the home of Mrs. Mader. The Leaders are finding these meetings very helpful and stimulating in their work with the boys and girls.

At the half yearly meeting of Robertson Church W.M.S., excellent departmental reports were presented. Mrs. J. F. McLean spoke on the work of an Itinerant Deaconess, and a Life Membership was presented to Miss Meiklejohn.

An excellent paper on the ''Ukrainians in Canada'' was given at Central Church Auxiliary, Vancouver, by Mrs. F. G. Fowler, of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary. At the social hour following, the C.G.I.T. girls and the Mission Band members were entertained.

Kootenay P.S.—Fifty members and adherents of Knox Church

W.M.S., Cranbrook, celebrated the 31st birthday of the Society. The programme included interesting items: the skirl of the pipes, the blowing out of the 31 candles by Mrs. John Fingal Smith, the oldest member of the congregation, and the cutting of the cake by Mrs. D. Speers, who has been the longest connected with the Society. This was the first Presbyterian W.M.S. organized in the Kootenays. The aggregate service of 4 members of this Society, who have held office in Auxiliary and Presbyterial, totals 109 years.

A Correction

Mrs. Peasland, Mission Band Secretary for British Columbia, asks us to state that there are 6 Mission Bands in Victoria not 2 as inadvertently stated in the Mission Band number of the *Glad Tidings.*—EDITOR.

MANITOBA

MRS. W. F. HOGARTH, 118 N. JOHN ST., FORT WILLIAM, ONT., PRESS SEC.

"ALL People's Mission," near Winnipeg, were very pleased to have Mrs. Hutchison, Provincial President, address their missionary meeting. She gave a brief but enjoyable outline of the Enlarged Council Executive meeting and appealed to the women to establish the family altar in their homes.

Superior P.S. Executive held an open meeting which was addressed by Mrs. Hutchison. She gave a vivid report of the work. Reports from Secretaries were all very encouraging.

The Provincial President, Mrs. Hutchison, was the first Provincial President to visit Fort Francis. She addressed the W.M.S. and the Mission Band and they gave her a warm welcome.

Winnipeg P.S. held a Sectional Meeting at Roland. It was largely attended by W.M.S. women from Winnipeg, Morden and Roland, Mrs. W. J. Martin, Presbyterial President, presided, the devotions being conducted by members of Roland Auxiliary. Rev. E. Lee welcomed the visitors. The speakers were Mrs. H. A. Robson and Mrs. Long, Winnipeg, who spoke on "The Work of our Church" and "Our Responsibility to the Missionary Cause." Brief addresses were given by the Secretaries for Young Women's Work, Mission Bands, Literature, Library, Supplies and Home Helpers. Closing devotions were taken by Morden Auxiliary.

NOTE: All held over material from Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba Provincials finds a place in this issue.—EDITOR.

ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 53 ISLEWORTH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

THOSE who attended the annual meeting in Stratford, last spring, will remember with what sincere regard a message of appreciation was sent to our veteran missionaries, Dr. Jonathan and Mrs. Goforth, and Dr.

John and Mrs. Buchanan. Replies have been received and appear below:

Szepingkai, Manchuria.

The wonderful message which has just reached us in the form of a resolution passed at the Provincial W.M.S. at Stratford has touched us both more than we can express in cold words.

We wish to thank earnestly all who joined in sending us this precious, comforting, and heartening message. It has come just when we are facing a crisis in our lives as difficult and testing as any we have had to face. But are we discouraged? Oh, No!

The future may mean total blindness for one and ageing of these earthly tabernacles for both, but with the knowledge we have of the needs of our vast field before us in Manchuria there can be no shrinking back or even thought of giving up. Forward in our Master's strength and power is now our only thought and purpose.

We wish to thank you all for your assurance of ''unfailing confidence'' in us both and your assurance that you keep upholding us by your prayers. Words fail to tell what these assurances mean to us and will mean in the days to come ''till He calls.''

—Jonathan and Rosalind Goforth.

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Amkhut, India.

We received your very kind expression from your annual meeting, of your cheering faith and good will towards Dr. and Mrs. Goforth and ourselves. Your thoughtfulness, prayers and deep interest is much appreciated and most heartening. Yes, Dr. Goforth and ourselves must be getting old, but if enthusiasm is a sign of youth, then you must look elsewhere for your senior missionaries. Some grow old at forty, others the Creator keeps green at nearly double that age.

Dr. Goforth up in the war zone of Manchuria, full of enthusiasm shows no sign of old age save faithful earnest soldier wisdom. I have admired Jonathan Goforth since in our student days we were sent out together to try and stir up the Church in foreign missions.

We, too, are working in the Bhil Field with as much enthusiasm and push as I used in the old days at Queen's in a football rush. The sport is not a whit less than following the ball.

On the old farm at Glenmorris father used to say, ''If you boys are sharp we can get in another load of wheat before dark.'' Thus in this ripe field it has been, as the day declines, my ambition to get in another load of precious wheat for Father before the sun goes down. By His blessing this last year has been our most fruitful. You are all praying, watching and expecting. ''Seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us *run* with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus. . . Who endured the cross. . . Consider Him that endured lest ye be weary and faint in your minds.''

With thanks and loving greetings.

—J. Buchanan.

Second Warning to Ontario!

Mrs. Thorburn, our Provincial Treasurer, reports at the end of September that our givings are $5,495 below last year. Last year we made a bad showing. Ontario **must** do better. Ontario **can** do better and Ontario will do better if each member, old and young, contributes to the W.M.S. in proportion to what she spends on other things.

This is the season to renew your subscription to *Glad Tidings*—the window in our W.M.S. structure. From it we glimpse our missionaries and fields; through it we get light, and the fresh invigorating air of all activities. Over 15,000 subscribed in Ontario last year. This is not enough. Make it at least 18,000 this coming year. Send it to your friends as a Christmas gift. Pretty cards are provided for this purpose. Attend to this now.

A rally of W.M.S. workers was held in conjunction with the September executive meeting in London Presbyterial. Mrs. Patton, President, was warmly welcomed back after a long and serious illness. The treasurer reported an increase in givings over the same period last year. Supplies were reported as coming in well. Regrets were voiced over the absence of Life Membership lists from *Glad Tidings.* Two new Y.W. Auxiliaries were organized during the summer. The members were present to hear Rev. J. W. McNamara, D.D., address the Presbytery on ''The Budget.''

The Y.W. Auxiliaries of Sarnia Presbyterial held their first rally in St. Andrew's Church, Wyoming, Mrs. A. B. Connor in charge. It was an interesting programme with all Auxiliaries taking part. Miss Leitch, Strathroy, gave an interesting sketch of their branch which was first organized thirty years ago as a Mission Band. No doubt we will soon hear of their graduation into a Senior Society. The speaker was Miss P. B. Lamont, who, out of her wide knowledge of the work and needs of the W.M.S., gave a fine address on ''The Opportunities and Privileges and Duties of the Young Women of To-day.'' Music and earnest prayers added to the pleasure and profit of this meeting. Rev. T. Fraser welcomed the visitors and Mrs. D. Ritchie brought greetings from the Presbyterial. The Helping Hand Association entertained with a social hour.

A membership campaign is on in earnest in Barrie Presbyterial. Already reports of increases have been received. More attractive programmes are being planned and emphasis placed on holding old as well as new members.

The rally of Huron Presbyterial comes to us described as a real tonic giving vigor and new strength. Miss Jeckell stressed the membership campaign and spoke on Christian Service. Secretaries told of the keen interest the members at large take in the work of the Presbyterial. Mrs. W. A. McLennan was the guest speaker, giving an instructive and inspirational talk. Rev. W. A. Young, Hensall, brought greetings from Presbytery.

The summer meeting of Bruce and Owen Sound was held in Tara, convening directly after a joint Communion Service with members of Presbytery. Reports were encouraging in the midst of trying times. Port Elgin's special summer meeting was addressed by Rev. Gilbert Lamont, Toronto.

QUEBEC

MRS. J. D. ANDERSON, 108 ELLICE ST., BEAUHARNOIS, PRESS SECRETARY

Sectional Meeting

INCREASED attendance and deepened interest were evident at the successful Sectional meeting of the South Shore district of the Montreal Presbyterial held in Hemmingford September 5th. Excellent and encouraging reports were received at the morning session, when Mrs. Reddick, of Aubry, was in the chair. Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Vice-President of the Provincial Board, brought to mind the many important matters dealt with at the meeting of the Enlarged Council Executive in May. Mrs. A. W. Lamb stressed the need of keeping in touch with our work through the Literature Department. Mrs. A. W. Pae brought greetings from the Presbyterial Board.

In the afternoon, Mrs. G. W. Gibson, Rockburn, presided and the meeting opened with an ''In Memoriam'' hymn, special mention being made to the loss of Mrs. John Elder, of Athelstan. Mrs. Elder was a most valued member of the Presbyterial Board and her place will not be easily filled.

Miss Whatling was the special speaker and brought before her audience a most vivid picture of our work in India. She stressed the splendid opportunities and laid upon all the responsibilities for immediate co-operation in winning these people, brothers and sisters under the same flag, for Christ.

SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

MOOSE JAW P.S. Executive held its semi-annual meeting in Knox Church, Weyburn, on August 29th. The meeting was held in conjunction with the designation services for Miss Mary Sherrick who sailed from Montreal on September 8th, for India. The President, Mrs. H. A. Stavely, entertained at her home at the close of the session when the members of the Executive had the opportunity of meeting Miss Sherrick. Mrs. H. R. Horne, Mrs. S. Farley, of Regina, and also Mrs. Sherrick were present.

The young girls of this Church presented the congregation with an enlarged photograph of Miss Sherrick. This will hang in a prominent place on the wall of the Sunday School where Miss Sherrick had spent so many happy hours with these same girls.

Regina P.S.—The Supply Secretary of the Presbyterial received from the Whitewood Auxiliary an excellent bale of clothing for an Indian girl which was an entirely voluntary offering. Every article of clothing needed was included. It meant many hours of faithful work to prepare it and certainly reflects great credit on the Society.

On July 16th, the Provincial President, Mrs. H. R. Horne and Presbyterial President, Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, attended the Arlington Beach Auxiliary and organized two new Auxiliaries in that field, one at Dunkeld and the other at Eddy.

The semi-annual Executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held on September 22nd, at the home of the President. The meeting continued throughout the afternoon and into the evening. At the supper hour Mrs. Sinclair entertained the members of the Executive, Mrs. Horne and Mrs. J. W. Dill. Mrs. A. W. Edgar, 2312 Montague St. was appointed Library and Literature Exchange Secretary to replace Mrs. G. F. Blair who has taken over the Library and Lantern Slide Department of the Provincial Board.

The sub-executive of the Provincial Board met at the home of Mrs. Walter Martin, September 20th, to arrange for the fall work. At the close of the business session the members had the opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with Mrs. J. W. Dill, former Mission Band Council Secretary.

The children of North Side Mission Band, Eastview Sunday School, and ''Sunbeam'' Mission Band of First Church met at a rally service in the lecture hall of First Church when their friend, Mrs. Dill, once more delighted them by her charming missionary stories. Quite a number of adults were present at the rally. Seventy children were in attendance.

Saskatoon P.S.—In commemoration of their Church's Diamond Jubilee the Formosan Presbyterian Church awarded Chinese certificates to Mission Band children of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. To win these prizes it was necessary for the children to memorize sixty Scripture verses. Forty certificates were won in Canada—May Watson and Margaret Cameron of St. Andrew's Mission Band, Saskatoon, are the proud possessors of two of these.

Rev. Major James Tolmie, of Southampton, Ontario, was the special speaker at the September meeting of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Saskatoon.

The second annual Summer School under the Synod of Saskatchewan was held July 3rd-10th, when some 50—staff and students—from the four Presbyteries enjoyed a week of fellowship and study at the delightful W.M.S. Residence in Saskatoon. Throughout the week there was a decided emphasis placed on ''First Things First,'' and a ringing challenge to greater missionary endeavor. The programme included courses in ''The Historical Background of the Old Testament,'' studies in Presbyterian History, Christian Stewardship and Missions, and Training for Leadership.

Regina had 11 at the school for full or part time, representing 2 congregations, 3 Sabbath Schools, 3 Auxiliaries and 2 Young People's Societies. Their enthusiasm is indicative of a still greater representation another year. If this School is an example of what Saskatchewan can do within herself there need be no fear for the foundations of our Church being laid within the province. The members were loathe to separate but were happy in the anticipation of meeting another year.

The young people contributed generously for a farewell gift to Mary Sherrick of Weyburn, a Saskatchewan young woman going to the foreign field.

Treasurer's Statement

September 30th, 1933

RECEIPTS	
"Interested in Missions"	$ 5.00
A Friend, "Chinese Work in Toronto"	40.00
Miss I. McDonald, Ottawa, "Work in Northern Ontario"	5.00
Glenmohr Junior Girls' Camp, "Birtle Indian School"	3.57
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Quebec	1,250.00
Saskatchewan	150.00
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Hospitals:	
South Porcupine	$ 315.00
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Vegreville	456.00
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Residences:	
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New Liskeard	237.42
Saskatoon	84.16
Vegreville	285.83
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Publications	1,524.62
Organization	189.33
Library	17.11
Pensions	1,426.86
Formosa	562.44
South China	287.50
India, Bhil Field	3,876.99
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Student	20.00
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NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Barrie P.S.—"Ever Ready" M.B., Stroud; Dunedin Associate Society; Girls' Auxiliary, Alliston.

Brockville P.S.—Beginners Band, Pittston.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—Beginners Band, Paisley; "Dornoch-Latona" M.B., Dornoch.

Glengarry P.S.—St. Andrew's Ch. M.B., Lancaster.

Kingston P.S.—Girls' Auxiliary, Glenvale.

Saugeen P.S.—Branch of Coutts-Cooper M.B., Conn.

Toronto P.S.—C.G.I.T., Beaches Ch., Toronto; C.G.I.T., McPherson Ch., Toronto; "Happy Helpers" M.B., Fairbank Ch., Toronto.

CORRECTIONS FOR ANNUAL REPORT

"Glad Tidings", September issue, page 297—The first paragraph of unfinished business should read: Agreed "That the first Vice-President and Corresponding Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all committees."

Annual Report, page 126—Changes in Brandon Pres. officers: Rec. Sec., Miss J. Gillespie, 335 4th St., Brandon; Corr. Sec., Mrs. Geo. Ferrier, 312 6th St., Brandon; Lit. Sec., Mrs. J. H. Denyer, 1637 McTavish Ave., Brandon.

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Great Lover of the hills,
The open air,
And patient lover of
Impatient men
Who blindly strive and sin
And strive again,
Thou Living Word, larger
Than any creed,
Thou Love Divine, uttered in
Human need,
Oh, teach the world, warring
And wandering still,
Thy way of Peace, the
Footpath of Good Will!

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> "*Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.*"—Romans 15: 13.

I. **The Leader:**—"*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*"—John 14: 27.

Hymn 199:—"In the Cross of Christ I Glory."

Prayer:—Adoration and Thanksgiving.

Bible Reading:—Ephesians 6: 10-24 (stressing verse 15).

II. —"*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.*"—Isaiah 26: 3.

Prayer:—Confession of sins, personal, national and universal. For the King, the Empire, our own Country, that its legislators may be filled with the true spirit of Christ.

Hymn 507:—"My God, the Covenant of Thy Love."

III. —"*Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace.*"—Job 22: 21.

Bible Reading:—Colossians 3: 12-17 (stressing verse 15).

Prayer:—The Church in all her undertakings; our young men and women in colleges, offices; teachers, nurses, etc., and our boys and girls.

Hymn 202:—"O Saviour, Where Shall Guilty Man."

IV. —"*And the Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*"—Phil. 4: 7.

Prayer:—Our Women's Missionary Society and our national and overseas missions.

Short address:—"Blessed are the peacemakers."—Matt. 5: 9.

V. —"*In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.*"—Phil. 4: 6.

Prayer:—For all who suffer in body, mind, or estate.

Hymn 111:—"Glad was My Heart to Hear" (verses 1, 4, 5, 6).

Closing Prayer:—Numbers 6: 24-26 inclusive.

Editorial

Retrospect

THE year, now nearing a close, has been a hard one for a great many people. But it has also served a wonderful purpose in showing us much that was of true value: in bringing home the fact that we do not become rich by *owning* something, but rather by *becoming* something — by becoming better neighbors, better friends, better missionary workers, and by growing in courage, honor, charity and trustworthiness. Many of us have less to live on than we had a year ago, but we all have just as much to live *for*. The real values of life are unshaken and solid.

It has been said that ''Joy is the flag which is flown from the castle of the heart when the King is in residence.'' Let us, therefore, who have come to know Christ and call ourselves, Christians, decide to mark this Christmas season by thoughtful kindness not only to our loved ones but to those whose lives are desolate or hopeless. Let each one of us plan to pass on some of the sunlight of His love to some sad heart whom no one else is likely to reach. Let us pray the Master to multiply our life until it shall touch in blessing the uttermost part of the earth and our Christmas joy will thus be ''to all people.'' There are lonely folk that we can cheer by the expenditure of a single postage stamp and a heartfelt assurance of remembrance, love and prayer. These simple kindly acts are the sum of all religion.

Without the ''Glad Tidings''———?

THE Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) of the Presbyterian Church in Canada will celebrate the seventieth anniversary of its organization in 1934. Already our members are beginning to discuss the form this celebration should take. All have certain goals of achievement. Some covet for their beloved Society a more complete organization for the various ages; others feel that a deeper spiritual life is the most vital need; a more faithful use of time, talents and money is considered by many as most essential; the more far seeing stress a clearer vision of the need of missions. The last naturally appeals to the *Glad Tidings* because of the opportunity it provides to emphasize the magazine.

It may seem premature to press the claims of the *Glad Tidings* before the anniversary year dawns, until we remember that in November and December renewal subscriptions are due.

Following the example of Mrs. John P. White, Editor of the *Women's Missionary Magazine,* the official organ of the United Presbyterian women of the U.S.A., let us liken our W.M.S. to a living organism, each part dependent upon all the other parts. The head is composed of the official members—the Council Executive, Provincial and Presbyterial Boards. The body is made up of the membership: the feet that run our errands and the hands that minister are workers. The heart, let us say, is the centre of our organization, our work, our institutions, our source of information and our inspiration. The arterial system that carries life to every part of the body is the *Glad Tidings.*

What does the *Glad Tidings* mean to the missionary society? ''It means Life. Without arteries the heart would be but a reservoir. The head might direct, but the body would be atrophied. . . The magazine carries messages from the head, and life and power from the heart. Being alive, the Society will be intelligent, receiving messages, knowing needs and understanding conditions. It means Health. Information creates a Society with abounding health. . . A Society familiar with our methods of work; that keeps accurate records and knows where to send its funds; . . a Society intelligently active and intelligently efficient according to the 'Standard' measuring rod. And it means Warmth. With every fresh in-rush of the life-giving stream of information, the body glows with warmth. Zeal for the work increases; spiritual fervor is manifest, and the prayer life deepened. It is no exaggeration to say that the very life of the women's missionary organization is threatened when the arterial system is injured.''

We, with other editors, feel that ''those Societies whose members read their magazine are not only far better informed about the work of our mission fields, but vastly more enthusiastic, far more efficient in their part of the great work which the Master left to His disciples of all the ages 1900 years ago.''

A Missionary Statesman

THE visit of Mr. Wm. Paton, of London, England, Secretary of the International Missionary Council, and Editor of the *International Review of Missions,* was an event of importance to missionary and religious circles in Toronto. His primary errand was to deliver a course of four lectures before the combined theological colleges of the city on the following subjects: Mother India, Political and Social Background; Christianity and Modern Religious Movements in India; Growth of the Christian Church in India; The Present Missionary Task in India. Those who were privileged to hear these and other messages from this missionary statesman felt the truth of the statement ''that on these important themes there is no living voice which can speak with more authoritative knowledge than Mr. Paton.''

Referring to the Rise of Indian women Mr. Paton stated that Indian women are, to-day, caring for the same things as their western sisters, and that into India has come a new power for social reform. India is richer by the addition to her forces of educated Indian womanhood. Touching on the Christian Church in India Mr. Paton said that any missionary project that would neglect women and girls in favor of men and boys would be fatal, for work among women is permanent.

Mr. Paton feels deeply the lack of missionary literature on the fields, ''There is,'' he said, ''nothing so important and nothing so neglected.'' His plea was for more Christian literature for India and more contributions to the committee charged with its preparation, instancing the extraordinary amount which could be brought out with an amazingly small sum of money. ''Literature,'' he said, ''should be the third arm, along with education, medicine and evangelism,'' and advised that Mission Boards include this in their estimates, and also plan for a vigorous policy for literature for Christian and non-Christian people. He paid warm tribute to the Inter-Board Committee of the Women's Missionary Societies of Canada, who, from the World Day of Prayer offerings, made such a generous contribution towards Christian literature for India.

Foreign Mission Conferences

FEELING that the time has come to develop a large unity of action in the presentation of foreign missions in the home church, Foreign Mission Conferences will be held in 29 important cities in the United States. The purpose of these meetings is ''to interpret. . . the yearning need of the people of the world for Christ, and to show how Christian missions are transforming human lives and Society.

The Boards will engage in making a constructive case for foreign missions by giving some of the best known and loved missionaries and national Christians an opportunity to interpret the Christian mission in which they are engaged. Among these will be Dr. E. Stanley Jones and Miss Lillian Picken, of India; Dr. Herman Chen-en Liu, Miss Yi-Fang Wu, Ph.D., and Bishop Logan H. Roots, D.D., of China; and Dr. Chas. R. Wilson, of Cairo, Egypt, and such outstanding missionary leaders as Dr. Robert E. Speer, Dr. John R. Mott, and other Secretaries of the co-operating Mission Boards.

Never have the Boards undertaken to present their work to the home church in so large a joint programme, and it is earnestly hoped that this extensive co-operation of the Mission Boards will elicit the hearty response of ministry and laity and result in the greater effectiveness and the continued development of foreign missions.

A Loyal Church Woman Passes

OUR Church and W.M.S. has lost a gifted and devoted member in the death of Miss Katherine M. Campbell, of Montreal. Miss Campbell was the daughter of the late Rev. Robert Campbell, D.D., minister of St. Gabriel's Church, Montreal, and an outstanding leader in our Church Courts, and of Mrs. Campbell, one of the early Presidents of the Women's Missionary Society, Montreal, and a sister of the late Rev. D. J. Macdonnell, D.D., of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Toronto. It has been said that, ''loyalty to one's Church is the very patriotism of the Kingdom of God.'' Miss Campbell's loyalty to her Church and her traditions was as a clear flame of fire in a gifted, lovable, selfless life spent in the cause of others and the Church she loved.

Indians Engage in Christian Work

MR. BYERS, Superintendent of the ''Cecilia Jeffrey'' Indian Residential School, was welcomed at the Council Executive in November. Despite the rigid economy that has to be practised because of the serious cut in the Government grant, Mr. Byers considers that the work is going along smoothly. The staff is efficient and vitally interested in the pupils. Mr. Byers feels that the boys and girls are developing into very fine Christians and their attitude towards the Christian life is commendable. They love their Bible. Eighty per cent. of them have been baptized or have joined the Church. A number of these young Christians are leading groups and teaching in the Sabbath School.

Election Hint

DECEMBER is the month when the election of officers in our various branches takes place. It is always an anxious time for the members of the nominating committee, on whose shoulders rests the responsibility of bringing in the list of officers for election.

There is one suggestion that we would like to make and it is this—that, in drawing up the list of officers, the nominating committee will bear in mind that among the new and younger members there are often women of talent and devotion whose services would enrich the Society if they were asked and consented to assume the duties of office.

IN these days when we are called upon to share in things material as well as things spiritual, it is interesting to learn that Canora Hospital, Sask., has given a generous donation of potatoes from its garden, for use in the dried out areas of the western provinces.

WE congratulate the Presbyterian congregation in Vegreville, Alta., in having secured a Church building in which to carry on their work. This is a matter of much satisfaction to the Council Executive as it means a Church home for our staff in both hospital and residences and for our children.

The prayers of our members are asked for Miss Mildred Soutar, our beloved nurse in Amkhut, India, who is dangerously ill. The news has just come by cable from Dr. Draper.

⋆ Bethlehem ⋆

Above — the skies,
The far, dim reaches of unfathomed space,
Below — the stable and the sleeping Babe,
For Love's descent — sole prize
The awe in Mary's eyes!

Sweet, tiny Rose!
O sweetest winter Rose of Purity!
Has Heaven indeed bent down?
Has Thou, God, stooped?
To soothe our human woes,
Shattered Thy calm repose?

Dost Thou here deign
To veil Thy Majesty in helplessness?
Why such tremendous stoop, incredible?
Why is it Thou art fain
To know Thy Creature's pain.

Thy Godhead hide?
What seekest Thou? Is it alone to share?
Dost ask no gift except the right to give?
Is this might's loftiest pride
To lay all might aside?

The stars above,
And Thou, the Uncreated and Unknown,
Below — the stable and the sleeping Babe,
Below, around, above,
One mystery of Love!

—Taken from "The Handmaid of the Lord,"
by Marian Macgown Evans.

Celebrating Christmas at Jobat

Extracts from letters from Bessie Margaret MacMurchy

"I'M going to give you a description of the Christmas doings from the very beginning.

On Friday morning we started decorating the bungalow. We were right in the midst of it when the postman came. It had been decided that we were not to open any parcels until Monday morning, but I told the girls that when my home parcels came I was going to take the outer wrapping off, at least. And I did. How nice it looked! The ribbons were so gay. I had a great time fingering them and reading the cards over and over every few hours.

Miss McConnell giving the children their weekly candy

Friday afternoon Mrs. Howie came over to our bungalow, and we got all the gifts ready for the people. We had labelled the clothes for the children the previous evening. Each Christmas the girls get new dresses and the boys new shirts and pants. We were short one pair of pants, so I made a pair Friday morning—cut the pattern off the ones which had been made and was pleased to find the result presentable. We had 32 children to provide for, and I think there were about the same number of adults. When everything was finished they were put in a small trunk, ready to be taken to the Christmas tree the next morning. The men got the Christmas tree Friday afternoon, put it up and decorated it.

Friday night the choir came up for practice—about 8 men, the 2 nurses, Dr. Howie and Miss McConnell. I played for them, and we went over nearly all the Christmas hymns. The people here love singing and would keep at it for hours.

Early Saturday morning there seemed to be a distant singing in my dreams, which kept up for some time, but I realized after a while that it was no dream, and I heard Iris Errey, who was sleeping on the verandah, say 'Salaam'. Then, I knew it was the boys from the compound starting their round of carolling. They ended up with a song 'Salaam, Miss Sahib, Salaam.' These boys began their round of singing at 3 a.m. They went to all the bungalows, starting and ending in the compound.

At 7 a.m. one of the gardeners came along with a gift for us. His smile was quite wide, as he held out a live hen, not because he thought it was amusing but because he was pleased at giving us such a substantial gift. A hen means quite a bit to the people here.

Before 9 a.m. there was a timid little 'Miss Sahibji' at one of the doors. On investigating, we discovered Mangtiya's little girl with a large aluminum pan in her arms, and on top of it were three small parcels—one for each of us. There were 2 silver bracelets for each, from Piayribai. Just before we went to the service Mina Bai sent up a large silver ring for each of us. Then a man from whom we buy wood and milk sent a large dish of jalabis (Indian sweets). He is a non-Christian.

Morning Service

The morning service began at 9 a.m. and lasted until 10.15. We sang several Christmas hymns, and there was a short sermon. I wish I could describe to you the appearance of the people that morning. Many of them had new clothes, and looked so fresh and attractive. Little Violet had on new white running shoes, a mauve silk dress trimmed with green embroidered lace, and a grey and blue woollen cap. Another little girl had a bright green silk dress trimmed with navy embroidered lace. The youngest member of the community, a baby boy of a month, was decked out in a blue silk dress, grey and blue sleeveless sweater, fawn and green woollen cap, and white and pink bootees. The cutest sight of all, though, was to see little Jacob come mincing along with a new khaki suit, the coat of which was very tight fitting and the pants quite long. He had a pair of dark brown, shiny, buttoned slippers which were a little on the large size, and a grey and blue woollen cap. It was his first real boy's suit, and he was so conscious of it he hated to come into the room. As he finally entered, he hung his head and peeked out of one eye to see if we were looking. Everybody smiled broadly, and felt like hugging him. Some of the women had on such pretty saris, and quite a number had new dresses. It was a most enjoyable service, and everybody seemed full of the Christmas spirit as they heartily sang 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing.'

A sports tournament began about 10.30 a.m. with Dr. Howie in charge. He had put everybody on teams, and had typed out programmes of events. A great many people came up from the bazaar to witness the sports. I should think over 500 people were there most of the day.

The Christmas Tree

After breakfast we took the candy, thread, scissors, etc., down to the Church room, and proceeded to fix up the Christmas tree. It was a tamarind tree, the leaves of which are somewhat like our locust trees. The branches were large and we got along very nicely in making it gay and pretty. The toys for the children were nearly all sent out from Canada. The women each got a small bag containing a piece of soap, a wash cloth, a handkerchief, and a needle case with a few pins and needles. The men got scarfs as far as the scarfs went, and the others got little books on the Life of William Carey. We had barely finished our work when the children started to arrive, and how interested they were in what they saw. Before the gifts were taken from the tree there was a short programme, mostly by the children. When Miss McConnell started to give the gifts the children were so excited they could hardly sit still. Some of the very tiny girls were not used to dolls and whimpered a bit when they saw their gifts. Before the end of the day, however, they were hugging them as tightly as the older girls.

Community Supper

The bell for the community supper went sharp at 7 p.m. and when we got to the compound we found that nearly everybody had assembled. We took the victrola down and played it most of the time while we were eating. Altogether, I think it was a most successful meal.

It was certainly a long day, but most interesting and enjoyable, and carried out the thought of the Christmas greeting in Hindi, 'Barà din mubarak ho,' the literal translation of which is, 'May you be blessed this big day.'

Hospital Service

The Hospital service at 4 p.m. on Sunday was great. There was an unusually large crowd, and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Miss McConnell spoke on 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night,' and four of the boys sang the hymn. Those who could read joined in the singing. Some of the girls who are home from school in Amkhut sang a Christmas song, and one of the school boys played the accompaniment on a mouth organ.''

A Merry Christmas in Bhil Land

CHRISTMAS at Jobat was a day long to be remembered. It began at 8.30 with a beautiful service to which all the Bhils and the non-Christians from the villages came. Then followed the bow and arrow contests and a regular programme of games. The Christian Bhils know the true meaning of Christmas but the non-Christians only know it as the "bara-din" or Big Day. That is why they are not allowed to enter the bow and arrow contests unless they first attend the Christmas service.

At one o'clock came the great event of the day—the Christmas tree for the children and the programme put on by the children belonging to Miss Douglas' kindergarten. Outstanding in this programme was the recital of the whole Christmas story (Luke II) by four children aged 5 to 7, without prompting. The parents and friends as well as non-Christians, Hindus and Mohammedans from the bazaar (village), flocked to see this event, and the progress the children had made and what they were capable of doing amazed them. All the children received new clothes off the tree and one toy each.*

Bow and arrow shooting

After the Christmas tree games and contests were continued and at six o'clock the Christians and missionaries gathered for their Khana (Christmas dinner).

The day closed with a great thrill when Mr. Young showed moving pictures of the different stations.

The interest and kindly feeling of the people in the mission found expression in Christmas gifts from people in the bazaar (village), and trays of nuts, raisins and fruit from the State and State officials, for each bungalow.

In all the stations similar plans were followed, but in Amkhut, with so many school children, the programme was much more elaborate.

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* The toys this year will be supplied from the money Miss McConnell received from the grown-up people who were present at the children's service on board ship when she told of the little Bhil children in India.

Our Missionaries Keep Christmas

MISS ISABEL MCCONNELL, JOBAT, INDIA

"GIRLS, are we going to have a Christmas dinner or are we not? During my five years in India I have not had what you would call a Christmas dinner, but it would be so nice, this your first Christmas in India if we did have a special treat."

"Yes, Mac, it really would be lovely," replied the junior missionaries.

And so plans began for our own Christmas.

One usually gives her time and energy to making the Indian Christians happy, but on this occasion the missionaries decided to celebrate, and be glad with our Christians on the Saturday. Christmas falling on Sunday, last year, made it possible to carry out our programme.

Our Christmas in the bungalow began on the Monday morning. In the sitting room the settee was piled high with Christmas presents, some of them were jokes of course. We gave orders to have the fire in the sitting room started first thing in the morning, then we came out at 7 a.m., made our toast by the fire and then had our coffee brought in. After our chhoti hazri (little breakfast), Santa Claus distributed his gifts and we were all very much surprised, but pleased with our presents. As soon as we had seen them all the dak-walla (postman) walked up to the bungalow with his bag full, and each of us did rejoice as we saw greeting cards from so many dear friends at home. There were greetings from Miss MacMurchy, Mrs. McMurrich, Mrs. Strachan, Misses Fraser and Parsons, Miss Gray, Mrs. McKerroll, not to speak of many, many more. There were exclamations from all corners — exclamations of surprise and appreciation. We all felt very happy on Christmas morning.

But our different duties had to be attended to and so each one went to her own particular work. There were many questions asked about what we were going to eat. But that was a secret. The new missionaries did their part, however, in setting the table and getting the tokens ready for each of the invited guests, for we had our W.M.S. missionaries from Amkhut.

I had asked the Patwari to try and get a peacock for me but he was not sure whether he could secure one or not. On Christmas eve the Patwari's servant arrived at the bungalow with a letter which on being opened was found to contain a card with the picture of a peacock and an apology for not sending a real peacock. The picture and a bunch of peacock feathers were the second best thing, but we appreciated the wild duck which he sent later on.

With the help of fresh vegetables, fruit, etc., from Bombay, tomato soup from Simcoe, Ont., chocolates from Windsor, Ont., we had a very nice dinner. You may be interested in our menu—fruit cocktail, cream of tomato soup, roast duck, carrots and peas, mashed potatoes, mouse salad (and if you do not know what that is just take some canned pears, fill with cheese, put on three cloves in the narrow end of the pear to represent the eyes and nose and the mouth, a little strip of green pepper for the tail. Serve on lettuce leaf with salad dressing). Mrs. Howie donated the plum pudding, so with all the trimmings of pickles, olives, celery, nuts and candy I will leave it to your imagination as to how the dinner was enjoyed.

Our sing song after dinner was a pleasant climax to a very happy day.

A Christmas Hymn

NO room for Thee, O Baby Jesukin,
No room within the inn;
Only the stable door is standing wide,
And there inside
The ox and ass their patient foreheads bow
Before Thee now.

No room for Thee—yet the wise kings have sped
To kneel beside Thy bed;
Offering their gifts, myrrh, frankincense, and gold,
To Thee to hold;
And all the angel armies of the air
Are gathered there.

No room for Thee—yet the wide earth is Thine,
And this poor heart of mine;
Though oft Thy hand has tried its doors in vain,
Yet come again;
Wide open now it stands—O Light of Light,
Enter to-night.

—*Nora Holland*

Christmas in Hospital and Residence

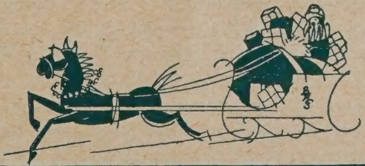
"WE had our Christmas tree on Thursday evening, December 22nd, and invited the nurses and teachers. Every one got something off the tree. A couple of ex-pupils sent in some money to buy fruit or candy and a lady in town sent $1.00 with which we bought fruit. Every child got a bag of candy and nuts, with an orange and an apple in it. We also gave out stockings, mitts, belts, ties, handkerchiefs—something to each boy who needed it, and Miss McKee did the same with the girls, giving aprons, nighties, stockings, mitts, and each child got a toy, book or game. We had the girls over at the Boys' Residence for both Christmas and New Year's dinner."—*Vegreville Residence.*

"We had our Christmas tree on the 21st. I got handkerchiefs for all the children. We had a very happy evening and the tree looked so pretty. The boys set it up and decorated it. We played many games and, to the surprise of all, Santa Claus came in at 9 o'clock, in his gay dress, and gave gifts off the tree to each one. At 10 o'clock we served a lunch, and by 11 all were ready for bed. Our baker gave us a large Christmas cake, and when all the boys and girls are back, our grocer is giving us a turkey, so we will have a Christmas dinner for all."—*New Liskeard Residence.*

"We had our Christmas tree in the nurses' dining-room. The corridors and wards were all nicely decorated. We were well remembered at Christmas. The Hospital Aid gave us a very nice chair for our sitting-room. We got the usual chocolates, fruit, etc., not so many turkeys as other years, but we did not need them, as we have so many that we took on accounts."—*Vegreville Hospital.*

A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

"By remembering our kinship with all men,
By well-wishing, friendly speaking and kindly doing,
By cheering the downcast and adding sunshine to daylight,
By welcoming strangers (poor shepherds or wise men),
By keeping the music of the angels' song in this home,
God help us every one to share the blessing of Jesus,
In whose name we keep Christmas."—Henry Van Dyke.



Christmas In Japan

JAPANESE people who love festal days and gay decorations, easily adopt the picturesque custom of our Christmas season, even though they know nothing of its real significance. Merchants offer Christmas presents and decorations for sale. Decorated Christmas trees and small Santa Clauses appear in store windows. One enterprising restaurant owner heard of turkeys and plum puddings which grace Christmas tables and advertised "An American Christmas dinner served December 25th, 26th and 27th."

After telling the above the lady who wrote about it said, "I longed to give not only the Christians but all the people of the city, high and low alike, the message of the Christ Child." Then she told how, through the city W.C.T.U., a Christmas pageant was arranged in the city auditorium. It was unique in the history of Kanozawa, but the patience and perseverance and long hours of rehearsal were repaid. All the cast entered into the spirit of the day. The audience was deeply moved, and some said afterwards, "It was so beautiful that we wept."

"Christmas O Medote."

This is the way they say "A Merry Christmas" in Japan.

A Festive Time in Formosa

MISS ALMA BURDICK

IT is nearing December 25th, the season so dear to the hearts of you in western lands, and what are the people in Formosa doing? The merchants are building booths along the street on the sidewalks before their stores. These stalls face the shops and since the sidewalks are covered, the whole walk becomes an aisle between a series of shops and artistically arranged booths in which fancy china, beautiful lacquer, bright colored shoes, many shaped purses, and toys of every description are displayed. Brilliant celluloid dingle-dangles sway to and fro voerhead and the whole bazaar is gay with light and color. Even the missionaries enjoy jostling along with the crowds who throng the streets viewing this fairy-land. And yet, in the midst of this gaiety, our hearts are sad when we think that most of the merchants and those who are buying the wares know nothing of the true meaning of Christmas. To them it is a festive time which accompanies the New Year season, for December 25th as a birthday is unknown to them.

Not so with the Christians and Sunday School children, however, for to them these days are filled with busy anticipation for the great time when the Christmas tree will be set in the Church and the children have their part in the programme. Much drilling and rehearsing is being done, for the parts must be well executed. The children are dramatizers by nature hence are seldom troubled with that ogre, ''stage-fright''!

The entertainment does not always take place on Christmas Eve for the day is chosen in relation to the times for the programmes given by the other Sunday Schools in the towns near by, for the Christians find much pleasure in attending several. But when the time *does* come the Christmas story is told in song, rhyme and pageant by bright black-eyed, smooth black-haired children whose dresses and trousers fairly stand out in their stiff newness. Reciting of Scripture verses and sections of the catechism always has a place in the programme.

The gregarious instinct of man is displayed in the multitudes which fill every inch of space in the Church, on the window sills, on the belfry ladder and out into the street, each person anxious to glimpse the child in whom he is interested as he takes his special part, and what deafening applause at the exit of the performers!

Exclamations of pleasure are heard as the attendance reward gifts are distributed and appreciation is shown when each child in the great audience is presented with an orange or a sweet. The poor are not forgotten at this glad season, for special offerings are given by the children, to be used in gifts for the poor and feeble members of the Church congregation.

When the long programme of some twenty or thirty numbers is finally over the Christian workers return to their homes, weary but happy, for they know that once again witness to the Birthday of God's Love Gift to the World has been given.

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Christmas in Formosa

MISS ADA ADAMS

CHRISTMAS! the happiest time of all the year! Such it is to those who live in Canada and so it is becoming to many of those who live in the lovely island of Formosa. But Christmas in Formosa is such a different Christmas to what it is in Canada. One reason is that the very climate gives an entirely different setting for the celebration for it is more apt to be a bright sunny hot day and season than a rainy cold one, and we can never never expect snow since we live so near the tropics.

But the greatest difference is in the way the day itself is celebrated. As yet no tradition about Christmas has grown up in the homes. New Year's is the time for the big home celebrations when those who are away from home return to enjoy the time together. The Formosans have come to think of Christmas as the time when the children of the

Sunday Schools prepare and give a programme appropriate to the season. This programme usually consists of songs and recitations and a play or two. The plays are usually an adaptation of some story, or perhaps a Bible story is given. One Christmas the ''Prodigal Son'' was given by the young people of one of the large Sunday Schools. It was truly Oriental in its setting and was certainly enjoyed by the audience. Since every class or department is responsible for at least one or two items of the programme and since the entire Sunday School gives a number of special selections the programmes are long, often lasting from two to three hours. But they never seem too long for the audiences.

And such audiences! Long before the scheduled time has arrived the church or auditorium is crowded. Every seat is taken, the people are in the aisles, in the door-ways, on the window sills, at the windows and still more people in the courtyard. And all ages are represented. from grandparents down to wee babies. They come from all around in the community to watch and hear the children and to enjoy the Christmas festivities with them.

The room is always well decorated. Flags of many countries are hung gaily around the walls. Pretty colored paper decorations are used to make the room bright and beautiful. At one side of the platform there is sure to be a tree—not a ''Christmas tree'' as we think of it for they are difficult to get—but it is more likely to be a branch from a banyan or an acacia tree. Whichever it is that is used is well trimmed with bright colored paper decorations—and on or below are many packages, at least one for each child in the Sunday School as well as one for each of the teachers. In practically every case the packages contain most practical gifts. A favorite choice seems to be towels and soap!

One Sunday School has adopted the custom of selecting a number of the most needy families in the community and inviting them to the Christmas celebration and then at the end, when the gifts are being distributed, they give to a representative of each of these families a huge bag of rice, enough to last for quite a while.

The kindergartens also have a share in the festivities and so, for weeks before, the children are busy learning their songs and stories that they will give. One or two years we had a programme all our own and expected to entertain only the immediate families of the kindergarten. But to our surprise and delight we discovered that a large part of the community was very much interested in the work we were doing and came to enjoy the entertainment that the children had prepared and so, instead of having only a small audience we had such a large one that it was hard to find room for them all. Christmas is always such a happy occasion, one that is looked forward to with great pleasure and long remembered with equal pleasure.

Rev. James Robertson, D.D.

A NATION BUILDER OF THE WEST

CANADA owes everything to her nation-builders. They were the Heralds of Empire, the seers in a day when the future was dim, and because the future was dim, they were among the heroes of faith — a faith both history and time have fully justified.

Such an one was a Scottish lad, of the Robertson clan, James by name, who first saw his new home in this Britain of the West when in his middle 'teens; who became a dominie at eighteen, and a church member who took the kirk seriously enough to walk eight miles every Sabbath to the services; who entered the ministry at thirty, and who became a Superintendent of Western Missions in 1881 at forty-two. Then followed 21 years of nation-building service in a parish stretching for 2,000 miles from the Great Lakes to the Pacific Coast; and from the international boundary line to the immensities of the boundless north.

Who, and what kind of a man was this Scottish boy from the Grampian Hills? A block of granite, in the Kildonan cemetery, carries the answer in the chiselled words:

''Endowed by God with extraordinary talents, entrusted by his Church with unique powers, he used all for the good of his country and for the glory of God. The story of his work is the history of the Presbyterian Church in Western Canada, and while Western Canada endures, that work will abide.''

This preacher of heroic mould has long since gone home, but the harvest from his sowing is still being garnered.—*Selected.*

On December 30th, it will be 60 years since Dr. Robertson set forth on his westward trail. We, as Presbyterians, have every reason to honor the memory of this great hero of our faith. Rev. John McNab's new book, ''They Went Forth,'' contains a very fine chapter on this ''Prospector of Souls.'' Our Exchange Department also has the Story of His Life. We commend both.—EDITOR.

Special Campaign Fund

NOW that we have completed four quarters since the inauguration of the Special Campaign Fund, our membership will be interested in knowing how the fund stands. The total receipts to November 7th have been $10,599.43. Of this, Alberta has sent $376.71; British Columbia $509.94; Manitoba $392.37; Ontario $8,455.04; Quebec $554.13; Saskatchewan $235.47, Specials $50.00, Interest $25.77.

It takes so long for the money to reach the General Treasurer that I feel we can say the first year of the Campaign ends on December 31st, when we should have $12,500 on hand. Will we have it? Not unless every key woman sends in the amounts from the gold mite boxes promptly to her Presbyterial or Provincial key woman. Do not refrain from sending because the amount is small. ''Mony mickles mak a muckle,'' as is evidenced by the receipt, so far, of $10,599.43 from coppers which never would have found their way into our ordinary revenue.

The Committee congratulate the membership of our Society on the success of the fund to date but urge that their efforts should not slacken.

The 70th anniversary of our Society will be celebrated in 1934. In what better way can we honor this anniversary than by handing over to the Treasurer of our Presbyterian Church a cheque for $25,000 over and above expenses.

HELEN M. STRACHAN, *Convener.*

WESTERN RELIEF

Following up the urgent appeal in November *Glad Tidings* for clothing for Western Relief, we feel sure every congregation is doing its utmost to gather in anything of use in this time of very great distress and need.

Mrs. Horne's address is 1160 North Broad St., Regina, Sask.

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Don'ts for the New President

MRS. D. A. SMITH, VANCOUVER

IT is supposed to be bad psychology to emphasize ''Don'ts'', but a close study of W.M.S. methods over a period of many years has led me to believe that attention to the following ''don'ts'' will lead a Society to ''do'' more and better work than usual.

1. Don't wait for late-comers. Start the meeting on time, even if only half the members are present: whether it be an executive meeting, a Thank-offering meeting, a special meeting, or the regular monthly meeting. State your time of opening definitely and stick to it.

2. Don't sing hymns higher than D or E♭ unless you have a large gathering. It is well to avoid all heavy, ponderous hymns at the regular meetings. Give your meeting a good start, with a light, bright appropriate hymn.

3. Don't confine the topics twelve months in the year to ''Our Own Work.'' Nothing is so inspiring as a good address, once a quarter or for a few minutes at each meeting, on some great missionary, *i.e.,* Livingstone, Moffatt, McKay of Uganda, John G. Paton, John Williams, Robert Morrison, Mary Slessor, James Gilmour, McKenzie of Korea, and many others.

4. Don't spend all the precious moments of the meeting hour reading verbatim, articles from the current issues of the *Record* or *Glad Tidings.*

Every member has in all probability, read both magazines from cover to cover before they came.

5. Don't carry on interminable discussions on unimportant points of business. Make your statements clear and concise, and settle matters quickly. If discussion is necessary, see that it does not become aimless. Keep to the point.

6. Don't pass the collection plate round more than once. Doing so twice (or oftener) has been known to drive women away from the Society. If, for special reasons, an extra offering is to be made, arrange some other means of receiving it.

7. Don't have the agenda like the ''law of the Medes and the Persians.'' Variety is the spice of life.

8. Don't forget to change the wording of pulpit notices each month. Bright and unusual notices often bring new members.

9. Don't miss a single opportunity of saying a parting word to every stranger or non-member attending a meeting. If you are stationed at the door you can't miss them. It warms the heart of a visitor to know that her presence has been helpful. Every visitor is a prospective member.

10. Last, but not least, ''Don't let a meeting run over time.'' Have it definitely understood that the meetings will last exactly so long. (We have found from long experience that a splendid meeting can be held in an hour and a quarter). Many a member has lost the joy of a whole meeting, as extra unnecessary minutes piled up. Most W.M.S. members are married women, and are working on a time schedule. An ''uneasy'' feeling will develop in almost any meeting, when the hands of the clock pass four.

Books Old and New

By Lereine Ballantyne

NEW report forms have gone out this year to assist Literature Secretaries make up the report of their year's work. It is very important that these be filled in as far as possible, and returned promptly to the Presbyterial and Provincial Secretaries. In this way, every Province can more conveniently keep in touch with their districts, and facilitate the distribution of helpful information for all who are studying the work, and helping to make programmes more interesting.

The new books lists have gone out, and it would be well for all ordering special Christmas gift books to send the order through your Literature Secretary (or direct, if time is limited) so that they may be filled promptly. Titles run out, and sometimes it is necessary to substitute.

PAT OF SILVER BUSH, by L. M. Montgomery, is the new girls' book from the pen of this charming writer, who understands the 'teen age girl and her enjoyment of reading so thoroughly. Pat ''grows up'' at the old woodland homestead on ''The Island''. Her adventures are thrilling, and her life exciting. Price $2.00.

Reprint titles of H. A. Cody's books at 85c. per copy.

MEN OF KILDONAN, by J. H. McCullough, a story of the Kildonan settlers. Price $1.00.

DEEDS DONE FOR CHRIST, a collection of early Missionary heroes, beautifully bound $1.25 (reduced).

THE FOUR MARYS, by Agnes S. Turnbull. Price $1.50.

LEAF OF THE LOTUS, by Dr. Margaret O'Hara, $1.50.

OUR LETTER BOX

Jobat Jottings

''AFTER I have prayers with my children in the morning I have a class with the pharmacy boys on the Bible. Dr. Draper asked me to help them in English, so we are using the Bible as our text book. I enjoy this class so and the boys are now talking much more freely than they did at first. Then there is my regular class with the women. I enjoy this too. We are studying Acts. Sometimes I feel as though we are getting somewhere and then it seems as though they do not know anything and have not much desire to study.

Miss Maxwell came here on her way home from Landour and stayed three weeks. I was very glad to have her, and was greatly helped by her Bible teaching.

You remember that Nehemiah was out at a village when they were making lime for the church. Well, after the work was finished, those folk came in of their own accord and seemed quite interested in Christianity. Dr. Howie heard about them and we wondered what we could do. The doctor said he would buy a farm if Ditiya would go out and teach those folk. Ditiya was therefore chosen as he seemed the most suitable. He goes out every day from here, he has two teaching places and both of them are coming along well. Ditiya is a good teacher, he comes to teach me Bhili every day. I go out once a week to inspect. For the first few weeks I walked all the way there, but as it is about 8 miles or more, and there are several rivers, I thought it would be better to have a horse. Miss Maxwell is not using hers now, and said she would be happy to have it in use here, so now I go on horseback. It is such a treat to be able to cross the rivers without bothering to take off and put on shoes and stockings, or be carried across to save time.

The garden has been quite a success. I had lovely beans, not so much lettuce, and heaps of tomatoes. I am building a howd (cement container for water) by the tap to hold water during the hot days. Next year the garden should be much better. I forgot to mention the carrots I am *going* to have sometime. The flowers are rather nice, too, the balsams and zinnias particularly.''

—*Ellen Douglas.*

Thanks for Literature for the Peace River District

"THANK you for the five dozen Bibles, one dozen testaments, and one dozen Gospels, they will certainly be put to good use. Our children are memorizing the catechism and we are giving a Bible to each child on completion of the same. The others will be used in Church service. The New Testaments and gospels I will keep for awards. I hope the hymn books will not be long in coming. I only have twenty-two and have to carry them round to the different fields. Library books for children and adults and good magazines would be greatly appreciated, in the long winter evenings when the people have little to do.

I have just received the generous supply of Sunday School papers, cards, picture rolls, also the other magazines. All were very acceptable. I took one roll up to Mission Band to-day and you should have heard the exclamations of delight as the children looked at the pictures. We will give out the little text cards in Sunday School. The colored Bible lesson stories we give out and also use them in Mission Band, making booklets and puzzles with them. I hope to have two other Bands, one in Heart Valley and the other in Prestville, so these will come in very useful. We have almost finished a box to send to Mr. Reoch, Manchuria.''

—*Margaret Grigor.*

Chinese Respond to Faithful Efforts

A UNIQUE feature of the autumn Communion Service in Knox Church, Ottawa, was the uniting with the Church of four young Chinese men: Hum Dick, Hum Doon, Hum Yook and Hum Hon. The first of these was baptized, in infancy, in China. The other three were baptized upon confession of faith. One other who was also examined for baptism, was unable to be present at the preparatory service or at the Communion. He is to be received at the next Communion season.

I acted as interpreter for Dr. Johnston, during the examination, and at the baptismal service.

The five men are all fellow-classmen who have been attending the class at Knox Church; four of them for the past decade, and the fifth for fourteen consecutive years.

They made the decision to take their stand as Christians, and unite with the Church, entirely upon their own initiative; and received specia instruction, in their own language, from Mr. T. Lee, the Chinese worker employed by the interdenominational committee in charge of the Ottawa Chinese Mission.

The Chinese school in Knox Church was formerly under the care of Mr. H. MacMillan, and, for the past eight years, Miss Katherine Reid has been its superintendent. One felt the taking of this step by their scholars to be a wonderful tribute to the long-continued, prayerful, efforts of these leaders and their loyal staff of helpers, on their behalf.

—*Agnes I. Dickson.*

A Woman Elder Ordained

Tamsui, Formosa, Japan.

"THE attendance at the Girls' School has kept up surprisingly well. This term we have 115 and if many more come we will have to refuse them or provide more dormitory space.

Two weeks ago Miss MacVey and I went out for the week-end to a little place not far from Taihoku. We had to wait two hours for the bus so did not arrive until dark, but we had a real welcome. The preacher's wife used to be a teacher in the Girls' School so she knows the ways of foreigners. She has six children, all girls. Before we went to bed we had family worship to which a family from next door came, so with the children and the visiting pastor it was quite a crowd.

The occasion was the ordination of elders and deacons also Communion and baptism. They chose the preacher's wife as elder and she will make a good one for there is not a more earnest Christian worker in Formosa. However, there is still some prejudice against women holding that position. Two young men were chosen as deacons who seem to be very earnest Christians. The pastor said they were first century Christians. Eight grown-up people and three children were baptized and they all seemed to feel that it was a solemn occasion. I said to Miss MacVey that doubtless it was the first time she had had the elements passed to her by an elder in his bare feet, with a worn cotton suit. However, clothes do not count at such times and, in spite of the service being all in Hakka, I got a real thrill from it."

—*Dorothy C. Douglas.*

More Young People Interested

Prince Albert, Sask.

"IT is a glorious day and we are going on a hike and wiener roast. The C.G.I.T. planned it. We have about 15 girls meeting Wednesday afternoon and 15 in the evening.

I went out last Sunday to Meath Park, Weirdale and Foxford. They have a church bulding at Meath Park and there was a very good attendance for Church service in the afternoon, but no children were out for Sunday School. The congregation are mostly country folk and they have quite a distance to come. At Weirdale, Mrs. Baker opened her house for Sunday School and her children rounded up the youngsters of the neighborhood. Such a bright lot and all quite interested. I understood there would be a service at Foxford, but when we got there they said it had not been announced. We had covered 150 miles when we got back home. Mr. Wilson has a leader who will do Guide work at Smeaton, so I will help her to get started.

On Tuesday, I went to Wheatley and started a C.G.I.T. Group, and found in one of the girls a leader for a Mission Band. The Sunday School at Wheatley is still carrying on and I am hoping we can get some scout work started for the boys.''

Tuesday we had our first Young People's Club meeting, and it proved quite a success. There were about 30 boys and girls and we gave them all day suckers, and then divided them according to the color they chose. Each group was then given a list of 25 things which they were to find and be back in an hour. They were divided into the Green Gangsters, Orange 'Orribles, Purple Pirates, Yellow Yumpers, and Red Robbers. The Orange 'Orribles won with a count of 20. Mr. and Mrs. MacKay had quite an interesting time judging the different lots. One of the girls said that when she looked at the list she was sure they could not get more than four or five things, and they came back with 19. This girl, in order to get a hair from a horse's tail, had stopped a woman driving down the street and asked if she might have one.

A week ago Tuesday we went to Melfort for a Presbyterial meeting. It is about 80 miles away. The meeting was just for discussion of the work. Everything seemed to be going well.

This afternoon I am going out to the Ridge to arrange for two Sunday Schools to keep going through the winter.

Miss Kerr sent me some old Sunday School lessons, and I took them to Wheatley. They will make fine Bible story books for the little beginners out there. I have some left for the kiddies at the San, and a few to give out in homes where they can not get to Sunday School.

I made about 60 calls before our Young People's meeting, and have called at most of the homes of the younger girls, and am taking Monday as my regular day for the hospitals and the San.''

—Hazel M. Macdonald.

Prayer for Christmastide

Glory to God in the Highest

Peace on Earth

AS at this time Jesus Christ our Lord came to earth a little child, we bless and praise Thy name, most blessed God, for this Thy great promise of salvation to the world. We thank Thee for the sweet preciousness of all little children, for their innocence and their purity, and for the power they have to turn the wayward and the sinful to do deeds of love and mercy. We pray Thee to awaken again in all our hearts at this blessed Season, the will and the power to do deeds of love and self-sacrifice, and, inasmuch as the Christ-child was born without pomp or wealth of surroundings, so may we as a true Christmas offering of remembrance and love, seek out those who need cheer and comfort, and give to them something for the sake of the dear Christ-child.

With angels and archangels, and all the host of heaven, we bless and adore Thy blessed Name, most gracious and loving Father, for all the happiness and blessings which are ours, and pray Thee that the true spirit of Christmas may be ours through all the days of our lives. More especially do we pray that as the Christ-child was sung into the world by choirs of angels as the Prince of Peace, grant that we with steadfast purpose and consecrated will may so labor that peace may be a reality in the world and not a dream. Amen.

Let Us Also Pray For:

All officers and members, that, as this month the year's record of our branches is being laid before the Lord, that it may be one worthy of the great sacrifice that our Lord made for us and our salvation. And that into His treasury there may flow gifts sufficient to continue all the Society's undertakings.

Let us pray also for an enlarged membership in 1934, the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Society, and that there may be women amongst the new members willing and ready to consecrate themselves to the duties of holding office.

YOUNG WOMEN

SACRAMENT

TO each of us the Christ-child comes,
As He came first so long ago;
We find Him in a kindly thought
Or see Him shining in a glow
That lights brave hearts' unselfish deeds—
This is the Christ-child's way, we know.

Sometimes He finds the inn too full
Of bustling thoughts that crowd Him out,
Of merchandise that must be sold.
We do not heed Him when the shout
Of greed or envy rises high—
And sorrowful He goes without.

But in the manger of our hearts—
A lowly place—He makes His bed;
Here in the hush of silent night
He sees the star bright overhead,
And in the shelter of our souls
He finds new wine and holy bread.

—Edith Lombard Squires.

THE BELLS OF CHRISTMASTIDE

ONCE more comes Christmas—that gladsome time of ''Peace on earth, good will toward men,'' and we are again reminded that on no other occasion do bells throughout the whole Christian world join in joyous, undying, remembrance of a birth.

To old Scrooge, Christmas meant merely another day. To you, we hope, it means happiness, radiant good fellowship, carefree merrymaking.

Even as many yesteryears ago, the wise men brought gifts to a little child, so, to-day, the world turns from its work to make all little children happy—and the very best wish that can be wished to you is that, the pleasure such as only little children know on Christmas Day, will be yours this Christmastide.

Christmas—what visions arise when we hear that magic word. No matter how tired we may be, we have only to close our eyes and suddenly the air is cool and sweet with the smell of frost and fir; and the world is so still we can hear the bells again, far off across the snow; and so dark and quiet that the only lights in it are the little golden flames of candles and the little silver flames of stars.

But there is a more beautiful, more inspiring vision that also comes with the magic word of Christmas. That is the vision which comes to us across the long, long years, of that first Christmas morning when the Christ-child was born in Bethlehem, a lost and lovely land, wrapped in peace and mystery—waiting to come back at just the sound of a word.

—*Fergie D. Holman.*

GIRLS AND LEADERS

HIS STAR IN THE EAST

DURING the past summer many of us have been interested in a beam of light which left the star Arcturus forty years ago and reached the planet Earth in time to touch a photo-electric cell and to illuminate the Century of Progress Exposition at Chicago. The approaching season recalls another beam of light which left the Star of Bethlehem nearly two thousand years ago and has been travelling ever since in order to illuminate this world with Christian love. The wise men saw this star in the east and came that they might worship the King of Light. Is it not fitting that this radiant beam should penetrate the east once more? The following dramatization emphasizes what the Christmas star means to certain women of India. Groups making use of this suggestion for the December meeting may enlarge upon the brief outline given here.

Time: 1932; Characters: Nurse Sahib, New Missionary, Canadian Girls: Nancy, Jean, Susan, Clair and Eleanor; Leader: Mrs. Travers; Native Women.

Scene I

The road leading to the bazaar or village which may be represented by a strip of cocoa matting. Two young women appear wearing white dresses and topis (these sun helmets may be fashioned from white blotting paper). Nurse Sahib is pointing out certain landmarks.

New Missionary, in a disconsolate voice: "How can I ever remember all the things you have told me, especially when you are away on furlough?"

Nurse, laughing: "My dear, forget them, then. After all, experience is the best teacher. Besides the native nurses trained in our hospital are very dependable girls."

(Sound of wailing is heard in the distance).

New Missionary: "Oh, what is that?"

Nurse, listening attentively: "It comes from the bazaar and is the sound of mourning. I am afraid—" (spies a native woman in sari scudding by and hastens to overtake her, while the new missionary covers her ears to drown out melancholy sound).

Nurse, returning: ''As I feared, Kamala has lost her baby. Poor thing! This makes the third little one to die and I am certain the baby might have been saved, had the mother been in the mission hospital; but she, being superstitious, was afraid to risk coming to us. If there had been a women's wing to the hospital, I could have pursuaded her perhaps. That is my heart's desire, a women's wing for our hospital!''

(The sound of wailing continues as curtain is drawn).

Scene II

Time a year later in sitting room of a Canadian home where a leader, with her group of girls, is busily engaged in packing a box for Nurse Sahib to take back to India at the close of her furlough.

Mrs. Travers, checking over a list: ''Afghan, baby's quilt, wash cloths, stocking shirts and dolls.''

Jean: ''All present including the soft-spoken dolls who'll not make the least peep if taken to Church by the babies.''

Nancy: ''You haven't mentioned Dad's grey woollen socks masquerading as pussy cats.''

Susan: ''Nor my calico goofus dog.''

Jean: ''Accounted for also as silent members.''

Mrs. Travers: ''It's a lovely box and I'm proud of my group. We are fortunate to have this opportunity of sending it to India by an outgoing missionary. Otherwise the postage and duty would cost more than the value of the articles.''

(Door opens and Clair comes in carrying a tissue paper package).

Clair: ''Please excuse me being late, Mrs. Travers, but I had to go 'round by Granny's. She promised something for the box and wait 'til I show you!'' (Unwraps pink baby jacket over which the girls exclaim in admiration).

Eleanor: ''That's far too pretty for an Indian baby.''

Nancy: ''Why Eleanor. You know Nurse Sahib said the babies in India are darling, bright-eyed, little things. She's adopted a couple herself.''

Jean: ''And this jacket will probably go to some baby born in the new maternity wing which the lady here in Canada has given to the mission hospital. Isn't it splendid that the missionary got her heart's desire.''

Clair: ''Who knows? Maybe the pink jacket will be some baby's heart's desire. Anyway Granny made it for our box. She didn't think it was too good.''

Eleanor: ''Perhaps it isn't, then. I guess I was mistaken.''

(Curtain)

Scene III

Christmas morning in India, 1934. Balcony of mission hospital from which Nurse Sahib is talking to a group of native women. (Balcony may be represented by a packing box or a table).

Nurse Sahib: ''Yes, by the blessing of God, Kamala has her heart's desire, a splendid man-child. Surely he will grow up to be a comfort and joy to her since he is born on the birthday of the little Christmas Christ-child. She can say as did the prophet of the Old Testament, 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given'.'' (The women show their pleasure. They ask to see the wonderful baby, but the nurse shakes her head).

Nurse Sahib: ''To-morrow or next day, perhaps. Anyway he will come before you dressed in a fine pink jacket sent to him by some mem sahibs in my country.''

(New missionary who has overheard the conversation appears carrying the fine pink jacket. Just then the sound of Christmas music is heard, ''O, Little Town of Bethlehem,'' beginning with second stanza. The nurses and women listen, after the new missionary has explained that the children from the kindergarten have come over to sing their carols outside the hospital. Kamala in particular had asked to hear them. Two missionaries join in the last verse while the women of the East, shading their eyes, look up toward the Heavens as if to behold the Christmas Star).

—M.J.G.

MISSION BANDS

THE LEGEND OF THE FIRST CHRISTMAS TREE*

IT was Christmas eve in Germany over twelve hundred years ago. A little band of missionaries were plodding through the deep snow. They were foot-sore and weary, but their gallant leader, Winifried, cheered them and urged them on ''for'' said he, ''the tribe we seek are to-night holding a great feast in honor of their god, Thor, and we must be in time to prevent bloodshed, and to tell them the story of the Christ Child.''

They struggled on, the moon rose higher and shone on the snow and flooded the woods with light. Soon they came to a denser part of the wood, and, as their eyes penetrated the gloom, they saw a vast assembly of people grouped around a gigantic oak.

In front of the oak stood an old man, the priest. He was telling the people that Thor, the thunder god who lived in the oak tree, was angry with them and demanded of them a sacrifice of their best. Slowly the eyes of the priest swept the people until at last they rested on a beautiful boy, the son of the chief. There was absolute stillness as the dearly loved little prince was led forward to the altar to be sacrificed.

Suddenly, through the gloom, the voice of Winifried rang clear and loud, ''Hold I say, Thor is dead. I come with the news of the Living God.''

The priest dropped his arms, the people turned to Winifried with joy on their faces. Winifried said, ''I tell you Thor is dead and I will prove it for I will cut down this mighty oak wherein he lived.''

Quickly Winifried and one of his men stepped forward, their axes rang clear and loud on the oak, the tree shivered, a gust of wind shook it and it crashed to the ground and broke into four pieces. The moonlight flooded the space where the oak had been and made a little fir tree covered with snow sparkle.

‘‘Thor is dead,’’ said Winifried, ‘‘But the true God is living. To-morrow is the birthday of His Son, the Christ Child. This little fir tree so gaily decorated with snow will be His symbol. The Christ Child came to earth to bring joy and happiness.’’

Then Winifried stepped forward with his axe still in his hand. ‘‘I will cut down this fir tree,’’ he said, ‘‘and take it with us. We will go back to your homes and there I will tell you about the True and Living God.’’

Winifried cut the fir tree and led the procession back to the home of the chief of the tribe. There standing by the little tree Winifried told the story of the baby Jesus Who is the Saviour of all people in all parts of the world.

Although many Christmas eves have passed since Winifried told the story of the Christ Child beside the first Christmas tree there are still many people in the world who worship gods like Thor. Let us think this Christmastide about these people and resolve to do all we can to send to them the story of the Babe of Bethlehem Who is the Lord of all.

—*B. K. Riddell.*

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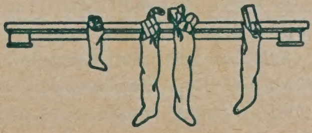
* This story is based on, "The First Christmas Day," by Henry Van Dyke.

Christmas Eve

My latch is on the string to-night
The hearth fire is aglow,
I seem to hear swift passing feet,
The Christ-child in the snow.

My heart is open wide to-night,
For stranger, kith or kin,
I would not close a single door
Where Christ may enter in.

—*Kate Douglas Wiggin.*



PROVINCIAL NEWS

ALBERTA

MRS. R. J. CHRYSTAL, CARSTAIRS, PRESS SECRETARY

CALGARY P.S.—Knox Church W.M.S. was favored by a visit from the Fraser Brothers who were holding special meetings in the Church. Mr. John Fraser spoke on Mary and Martha, the friends of Jesus. The July meeting was held at Bowness Park and took the form of a picnic. August meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Whiteman, when matters pertaining to the interest of the Church were discussed.

The Presbyterial Executive met in Grace Church, Calgary, September 19th, with 24 members present. The main business was making arrangements for Miss Burdick's visit. The members of the Executive were delighted to meet and welcome Miss Violet Scott, newly appointed missionary worker at large for Calgary, and a social half hour was spent in her honor.

Miss Alma Burdick, Principal of the Women's School, Tamsui, Formosa, spent two weeks visiting the Auxiliaries of the province. She addressed the W.M.S. at Macleod in the afternoon and an open meeting at night when a number of men were present. In Calgary Presbyterial Miss Burdick held a rally of the young women of all the churches in Calgary in the afternoon. In the evening she spoke to the W.M.S. women of the city. Both meetings were held in Knox Church. Again at the Thank-offering of Grace Church, with a splendid number of ladies present, Miss Burdick was the principal speaker. Mrs. Barroll, Mrs. Allott and Mrs. McNeil led the devotions. Miss Burdick gave a very interesting report of the work being done by the Church in Formosa and spoke highly of the splendid work of the Women's School, the Girls' and Boys' High Schools, the Theological College, and the Hospital, which she described as a real evangelistic agency. The speaker was loud in her praise of the large and progressive W.M.S. in Tamsui and the earnest work of the Bible women, and appealed to the ladies for definite prayers for the work in Formosa.

Edmonton P.S.—Mrs. Norman Smith was honored by the members of the W.M.S. of First Presbyterian Church, when a Life Membership pin was presented to her.

Wearing a Formosan dress, fastened with a brooch shaped like the island of Formosa, both gifts from the women of Tamsui Women's School, Miss Burdick spoke to 200 young people of Edmonton Presbyterial in the lecture hall of First Presbyterian Church. Members of the Mission Band, as well as young people were present. Many pictures were shown, also an ancestral tablet, which is exhibited in the homes for worship of the family, and a baby's cap which keeps away evil spirits. Besides giving a number of addresses in the city, Miss Burdick visited Fort Saskatchewan, Vegreville and Lloydminster. At Vegreville, the meeting was held in the Presbyterian Church, a large interested congregation being present.

Red Deer P.S. Executive, which meets twice a year, held their September meeting in Carstairs. A goodly number were present and, following the action of the Provincial Board in deciding not to hold a fall Board meeting but that the President would meet each Presbyterial Executive, Mrs. Allott was present at the meeting and gave a full report of the Enlarged Council Meeting at Toronto. The business of the Presbyterial Executive was discussed and extensive plans made.

The reports of the Secretaries were most encouraging, that of the Treasurer being especially so, as the Treasurer herself said, ''Well I at least am most encouraged,'' and if she felt so the rest thought they should also be. In closing, Mrs. Jack, President, asked that we remember in earnest prayer at each meeting the work of our missionaries.

Miss Burdick addressed the Red Deer W.M.S., October 11th, going on to Carstairs for the evening Thank-offering of that Auxiliary. At that place Miss Burdick met a large and appreciative gathering of women who listened with much interest to her story of the great work being done in Formosa. A solo, by Mrs. Webster, ''Make Me a Channel of Blessings,'' added to the spiritual mind of the meeting, especially as Miss Burdick thanked the singer for the contribution, stating that it was on hearing this song sung that she had made her decision to give her life entirely to the work in which she is now engaged.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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A GATHERING of the Vancouver Presbyterian Mission Bands was held on Saturday, October 7th, in Fairview Church hall, under the auspices of the recently organized Mission Band Leaders' Council. Mrs. Thomas Deas, President of the Council, presided, and 100 boys and girls, with their leaders, responded to the roll call. Different Bands contributed to the programme, and Rev. Walter Ellis, pastor of the Church, welcomed the gathering. Mrs. Angus Mackenzie presented the report for Mrs. F. G. Fowler, Mission Band Secretary, while Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Presbyterial W.M.S. President, conducted the transfer of the banner from Fairview Church Band to Robertson Church senior girls' Band, for the next six months, these two Bands having tied for possession of the same at the spring rally. Mrs. G. Ledingham, who recently returned from a tour of the Church's field in the Peace River country, gave a vivid description of the life and needs of many of the girls and boys in that new land.

At the Thanksgiving meeting of the Chinese Auxiliary, Vancouver, the little people of the kindergarten took part in the programme, singing two songs, one in Chinese and the other in English. Mrs. Jas. Herd gave an interesting talk on Thanksgiving. The usual half hour for becoming better acquainted, followed.

The Young Women's Auxiliary, of Central Church, Vancouver, held two very interesting meetings in October. Mrs. R. M. Thomson, Presbyterial President, gave a splendid address on work in Korea. The Thank-offering meeting was well attended when Rajah Singham, of India, gave a graphic word picture of the work being done among the Eurasians, and the great need of more workers for this unfortunate class of people.

The October meeting of Central Church Auxiliary was addressed by Mrs. G. W. Ledingham, who gave an account of her recent trip to our mission fields in the Peace River country.

At an open meeting of the Synod of British Columbia, held in Vancouver, Mrs. Jas. Herd, Provincial President, gave a well-prepared outline of the missionary work of the Presbyterian Church, making special reference to the fields where the W.M.S. workers are stationed.

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BRANDON P.S.—The W.M.S. Thank-offering of First Presbyterian Church, Brandon, was held October 17th. Mrs. J. A. Gray presided and the devotions were conducted by Rev. J. Forbes Wedderburn. The guest speaker was Mrs. Mary McKenzie, formerly missionary of the "Presbyterian All People's Mission," who gave an interesting talk on the conditions of the world as they exist to-day and urged the need of a more earnest Christian endeavor to lift the world to higher levels of religious understanding. The offering was taken by two Mission Band members, Misses Hazel Patterson and Mary Scott, and dedicated by Mrs. A. Shewan. It amounted to $36.35. In the evening the W.M.S. Executive met at the home of Mrs. M. G. Abey, where the members had the privilege of meeting Mrs. McKenzie and hearing further of her work. In October, Mrs. Dill, Toronto, addressed the Mission Band, giving a very interesting talk on Mission Band work. Little Edna Tatton sang a solo "Two little eyes to look to God."

At the Birtle Church W. M. S. Thank-offering, Mrs. Currie and Mrs. Lockhart spoke on "Our Missions" and "Thanksgiving." A group of girls from the Indian school sang "Missionary Bells." The offering was $10.00.

The Thank-offering of St. Andrew's W.M.S., Boissevain, was presided over by Mrs. Cowan. Mrs. Shewan, Brandon, gave helpful suggestions from the Enlarged Council Executive meeting in Toronto. David Morton, from the Mission Band, recited. The rest of the programme consisted of reading and songs. The meeting was much enjoyed.

Superior P.S.—First Church, Port Arthur, held their Thanksgiving in October, Mrs. Corbet, Presbyterial Corresponding Secretary, gave an interesting address on ''Our Cause for Thanksgiving.'' The ''Janet E. Smellie'' Mission Band, at their October meeting, received two Junior Memberships, the gift of Miss Smellie. These were presented to two of the officers. The ''McKay'' Mission Band (girls), were busy making scrap books for the bale.

The Presbyterial Executive met in First Church, Port Arthur, in October. Reports were all very satisfactory. The members are hoping to do better before the end of the year.

Fort William W.M.S. Thank-offering was addressed by Dr. Kannawin, Toronto, and all felt it was good to be there.

St. Andrew's C.G.I.T. had their opening meeting on October 9th, with 93 members present. The election of officers was an important part of the meeting. Their bale was packed and the girls decided they would like to send the autograph quilt and a layette, which the older girls had made, to the ''M. G. Abey'' Hospital in Amkhut, India. The Mission Bands and C.G.I.T. patched 5 quilts and the W.M.S. quilted them.

Winnipeg P.S.—Kildonan Church W.M.S. held their Thank-offering in Nesbit Hall, the President, Mrs. R. B. Anderson, presiding. Mrs. J. S. Hutchinson was the guest speaker, the theme of her splendid address being ''Thanksgiving.'' The true spirit of thankfulness was the keynote of the meeting. The attendance was most gratifying. An item of very deep interest was the presentation of an ''In Memoriam'' certificate to Mr. W. Inglis and family in honor of Mrs. Inglis, who had been a faithful worker in the Auxiliary for many years, and who passed to higher service February 3rd.

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ONTARIO

MRS. J. R. SANDERSON, 53 ISLEWORTH AVE., TORONTO, PRESS SECRETARY

WISE men sought the young child that they might worship him and they presented unto him gifts: gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Do not forget that a subscription to *Glad Tidings* makes a nice Christmas gift.

Two days of concentrated thought and discussion, led by Mrs. W. A. McLennan, comprised the four business sessions of the Provincial Board of Management in Calvin Church, Toronto, October 5th, 6th. A high note of encouragement was received from the various departments with 26 new organizations, so far, this year. A marked increase in givings during the balance of this year must be obtained if we are to maintain the standard of Presbyterianism, the members present pledged themselves to special prayer for this purpose each morning at 9 o'clock. What might the result not be if we were joined in this by all our members? At the open meeting on Thursday evening the Board had the pleasure of presenting our Council President, Miss MacMurchy, with flowers in recognition of the honor conferred on her in being elected President of the International Union of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, at their meeting, in Belfast, this summer. Mrs. W. A. McLennan and Mrs. C. H. Thorburn made the presentation. Miss McConnell, home from India, was the speaker of the evening, giving a new picture of the needs of the work under her care there.

Our first Beginners Mission Band has been organized at Pittston, in Brockville Presbyterial. These Beginners Bands are for quite young children and meet at the same time as the senior Auxiliary, thus allowing mothers to attend that meeting who otherwise could not do so.

Members of the Kingston Presbyterial feel they have received much benefit from Miss Lamont's two weeks' visitation.

One of the high lights of Barrie Presbyterial this year was the successful itinerary of Miss Lamont, taking the Auxiliaries in groups at Bracebridge, Midland, Victoria Harbor, Elmvale, Orillia, Beeton, Barrie and Collingwood. Her listeners were stimulated to renewed effort on hearing of the brave struggles of our sister workers in the western provinces. Many problems were presented and solved. One of the many helpful thoughts given was, that members and executives must be busy people, co-workers, not honorary members in a business concern —have business on hand to do and do it. There are many with little money to give but their presence and interest means much and should not be withheld. Discouraged Auxiliaries were given new incentive to carry on.

At Thornbury-Clarksburg, regular meetings were held through the summer with good results. The midsummer meeting of St. Andrew's, Barrie, was held at Mrs. A. Brown's, Shanty Bay, with many visitors present. Mrs. J. H. Eaton gave a talk on our Indian Residential Schools to the Collingwood Auxiliary. A bale for the "Cecilia Jeffrey" School was on display.

A fine rally of Mission Bands and Y.W. Auxiliaries was held at Arnprior, in Lanark and Renfrew. Many pleasing items as well as pageants were on the programme and a display of supplies and gifts were shown. Mrs. C. S. Boots addressed the meeting, speaking on our work in India.

The afternoon Auxiliary of Knox Church, Paris, has planned a busy year's work and we will look for reports on the special meetings to be held. Interesting items at the last were ''The W.M.S. New Testament,'' ''A Study of Women of the Bible,'' ''The Tick of the Clock,'' and ''Should Missions Be Regarded as the Supreme Work of the Church?''

The first sectional meeting to be held in Guelph Presbyterial was at Rockwood with a good attendance. The morning session was devoted to discussion of problems, and many helped thereby. In the afternoon, Rev. D. E. McDonald, India, addressed the meeting, stressing the need of prayer and money to carry on the work there.

Another 50th anniversary was celebrated at Carluke in Hamilton Presbyterial. Representatives were present from the Provincial and Presbyterial Executives and many neighboring Societies. Mrs. MacGregor, of Hamilton, recalled her relations with Carluke when Corresponding Secretary of the Presbyterial. Mrs. Adam Calder sketched the history of the Society during the half century just closing. Greetings were read and received from many charter members and friends. A novel ceremony was the calling of the roll of officers past and present by Mrs. Mulholland, those present responding with a brief message while, as the names of those who have been called to higher service were read, a beautiful flower was placed on the table in memory by Mrs. Moffat. Mrs. McLean, Presbyterial President, spoke on ''Beckoning Hands.'' Tea was served and a large story cake made by Mrs. Cleland and decked with fifty lighted candles occupied the centre of the tea table.

The fall rally of Toronto district of the Presbyterial met in Cooke's Church with a good attendance. Rev. D. E. McDonald, of India, addressed the afternoon session and Mrs. W. A. McLennan addressed the evening meeting. Reports were received from the different Secretaries and those from the delegates to summer schools stressed.

Holstein Auxiliary, in Saugeen, entertained their Home Helpers. An ''In Memoriam'' in memory of Mrs. Earl Reid was presented to the family. A C.G.I.T. was organized and affiliated with the W.M.S. They started their activities with a mother and daughter banquet. Miss Lamont was the guest speaker.

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QUEBEC

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''THE Autumn of the year is the Springtime of Church Activity!'' So quoted the President of the Quebec Provincial Society, Miss C. E. Cameron, at the fall Board meeting held October 17th, in Knox-Crescent Church, Montreal. And surely the words made a fitting introduction to the various reports presented; they were indeed ''full of sap,'' as all ''trees of the Lord'' should be. We wish that space would permit a full report of the day's proceedings that all our members might catch something of the glowing enthusiasm that prevailed.

Considerable progress was reported by the Young Women's and Girls' Work Secretaries while a special campaign for further members for the senior Auxiliaries and subscribers to *Glad Tidings* were prayerfully and earnestly solicited. Marked activity in the Literature department was noted. Devotional and inspirational books are most in demand. Supply work is well organized and the requests well met.

Work among nurses and students was most encouraging. A special day for prayer had been arranged for at McGill University while some of the students themselves were teaching Bible classes in the day schools.

The Quebec Presbyterial reported a growing interest fostered by devoted officers. Sectional meetings had proved a very great help.

The outstanding work of the year in the Montreal Presbyterial has been Miss Pelton's excellent work among the Young Women's groups.

The Late Miss K. M. Campbell

The following tribute to the late Miss K. M. Campbell, a former member of the Board, was read by Mrs. O. R. Campbell:

RESOLVED: at this meeting of the Quebec Provincial Board of the W.M.S. of the Presbyterian Church in Canada:

That we hereby record our deep sense of loss at the passing to her reward of Miss Katherine M. Campbell, who for many years was a beloved and faithful officer of this Society.

Moreover, we desire to record our sincere appreciation of the magnificent work done by her for the Church she loved so dearly.

Miss Campbell was greatly interested in every branch of the Church's work, but very especially she gave of her time, her talents and her means to the cause of missions.

Her convincing voice, her facile pen and her fine intellect were ever at the service of her Master, and by her example, her never-failing courage and her genuine earnestness she aided many and was a blessing to all with whom she came in contact.

We shall miss her winning smile, her cheery greeting and her excellent judgment. We shall always gratefully remember her personal friendship, her unswerving sense of duty and the beauty of her consecrated life devoted to Christ and His Church.

Our hearts go out in tender sympathy to her family, but particularly to her sister, whom we lovingly commend to Him Who said: ''I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.''

It was moved by Mrs. Campbell, seconded by Mrs. Potter and carried unanimously, that this resolution be recorded.

Mrs. A. W. Lamb brought the final message to the Board with an address on the ''Place of Prayer in our Work.'' This helpful, searching paper has been placed by request in the Exchange Department that it may be circulated among the Auxiliaries.

Quebec P.S.—A largely attended sectional meeting of the Sherbrooke district was held at Flodden, October 7th. Mrs. Price presided and Mrs. O. R. Campbell brought a timely message of encouragement which filled her audience with enthusiasm and zeal for advance in missionary endeavor.

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SASKATCHEWAN

MRS. E. G. D. MACEACHERN, 1934 VICTORIA AVE., REGINA, PRESS SECRETARY

THE members of our Saskatchewan Society are looking forward with pleasure to the expected visit of Miss Alma Burdick, of Formosa, who is going to spend approximately three weeks in the province.

We are greatly encouraged to note further evidences of the extension of our Church activities in the northern part of the province where two new congregations have recently been organized, at Smeaton and Carragana, both of these congregations have erected new church buildings which have been dedicated by Rev. H. R. Horne. These church buildings were made possible to a large extent by the voluntary labor on the part of many members of the congregation.

A full Executive meeting of the Prince Albert Presbyterial was held in St. James Presbyterian Church, Melfort, September 26th, with the President, Mrs. R. G. MacKay, in the chair. The resignation of Mrs. Hepburn, Prince Albert, Recording Secretary, was accepted with regret. Interesting and encouraging reports were given. Miss Hazel Macdonald, deaconess at large in Prince Albert Presbytery, was present and addressed the ladies on her work.

The first troop, St. Andrew's Girl Guides, Tisdale, sent two members to camp at Perch Lake with Miss Alexander as leader. The girls had a wonderful trip. Each girl learned to lead in sentence prayer while in attendance at camp. They also held Sunday School in their cabin. This troop held their affiliation service with our W.M.S. in St. Andrew's Church early in June.

The Late Mrs. J. C. Madill

Our Church has suffered a great loss in the passing of the late Mrs. Madill, wife of the Rev. J. C. Madill, Saskatoon. For over fifty years she has been actively engaged in Church work. She also gave generously of her time and talents to benevolent work of the Red Cross and W.C.T.U. The late Mrs. Madill will long be remembered for her sterling qualities, sympathetic understanding of humanity, her thoughtfulness of others, her generosity of judgment and her Christian saintliness which endeared her to all.

Treasurer's Statement

October 31st., 1933

RECEIPTS

In Memoriam, "Lantern for Miss Grigor's work"	$ 75.00
Miss I. McDonald, Ottawa, "Work in Northern Ontario"	5.00
Rent from W.M.S, Eastern Division, for Bungalow in Japan	90.00
Payment on McCrea house, Vegreville, Alta.	56.85
Refund from Student Account	3.65
Refund on Enlarged Council Expenses	16.03
Refund from South Porcupine Hospital	500.00
Government Grant for Birtle Indian Residence	3,975.19
PROVINCIAL GIVINGS:	
Alberta	382.08
Manitoba	519.95
Ontario	13,000.00
Quebec	1,000.00
Saskatchewan	250.00
	$19,873.75

DISBURSEMENTS

Hospitals:	
South Porcupine	$ 250.00
Canora	443.32
Vegreville	240.00
Chinese in Canada	820.07
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School	593.66
Birtle Indian Residential School	648.17
Government Grant for Birtle Indian Residential School	3,975.19
Mistawasis Indian Day School	127.50
Presbyterian Residences:	
Huntingdon	84.16
Prince Albert	114.31
New Liskeard	66.66
Saskatoon	135.86
Vegreville	289.43
Welcome and Welfare	1,253.73
Publications	629.35
Organization	491.71
Library	28.98
Pensions	91.66
Supplies	11.86
Sent to Mrs. Horne for Supplies for Western Relief	100.00
Formosa	562.44
India, Bhil Field	169.99
Jhansi Field	30.00
Miscellaneous	85.00
Deputation	75.00
Exchange	10.39
Administration	442.95
	$11,771.39

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Treasurer.

NEW ORGANIZATIONS

Ontario

Barrie P.S.—Chalmer's Ch. Y.W.A., Alliston.

Bruce and Owen Sound P.S.—''Mildred Soutar'' M.B., St. Andrew's Ch., Allenford; Knox Ch. Y.W.A., Walkerton.

Hamilton P.S.—''Morning Star'' M.B., Knox Ch., Port Dover.

Lanark and Renfrew P.S.—''Happy Helpers'' M.B., Mississippi; ''Gleaners'' M.B., Snow Road.

Saugeen P.S.—Y.W.A., Drayton.

Stratford P.S.—''Glengowan'' M.B., St. Mary's.

THE YULETIDE SECRET

''Oh, it isn't the holly, it isn't the snow;
It isn't the tree or the firelight glow:
It's the flame that goes from the hearts of men,
When Christmas love is abroad again.''

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